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Laws likely soon to ban organ sales

Health ministers disturbed by new transplant inquiry reports

- **Legislation to prevent the sale of human organs for transplant operations is highly probable after the presentation to ministers of critical reports**
- **The Labour Party is expected to co-operate fully in pushing through legislation to halt organ sales and new laws could pass through Parliament within days**
- **The private London hospital at the centre of the kidneys-for-sale allegations may be banned from conducting transplants for a considerable time**
- **A report into the Humana Wellington Hospital is understood to criticize the allegedly inadequate procedures for dealing with transplants**

By Robin Oakley and David Sapsted

Legislation to forbid the sale of human organs for transplant is now highly probable.

Health ministers will not make a firm decision on legislation until later this week, but they are understood to be highly disturbed at some of the practices uncovered. They spent the weekend assessing evidence supplied by officials in the light of three inquiry reports.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has already declared the trade in human organs "utterly repugnant" and the Labour Party is prepared to co-operate fully in rushing emergency legislation through the Commons. There are unlikely to be any problems with the Commons timetable, therefore. New laws could pass through Parliament within days.

Health Department officials believe that the Humana Wellington hospital in north London, named in the controversy, may be banned from conducting transplant surgery for a lengthy period and it is expected that the Charity Commissioners will be encouraged to examine the activities of the National Kidney Centre in Finchley, north London, which provides dialysis for foreigners awaiting transplants.

The Bloomsbury Health Authority's inquiry into the alleged transplant of commercially purchased kidneys at Humana is understood to have criticized the hospital for having inadequate procedures to deal with transplant questions.

The hospital is said to have had no written policy for the conduct of transplants and to have had no one person accountable for implementing its unwritten policy of conducting transplants from live donors. The "consent to donor treatment" forms involved in the main case under inquiry are understood to have gone missing.

There is no suggestion in the report, however, that the hospital was in any way involved in payments to kidney donors.

The simultaneous Barnet health Authority inquiry into the National Kidney Centre's role is understood to have revealed a sharp increase in admissions in 1988 from Turkey, the unofficial centre of the international kidneys-for-sale trade.

Admissions of Turkish patients are said to have risen from single figures to 38 during the year, with as many as eight in the centre at one time.

Links have apparently been established between the centre and the brother of Mr Tunc Kuntar, who is under arrest in Turkey for his involvement with the kidney trade.

There is criticism in the report of Mr Ken Westall, the centre's administrative director, for writing misleading letters that helped to enable Turkish donors to pass through immigration procedures.

Mr John Cyster, chairman of the trustees, "Should ministers decide to instigate an inquiry by the Charity Commission, then we would welcome it. As trustees, we have nothing to hide."

The report makes clear that records at the centre were inadequate and many of them are said to be held personally



Michael Bewick: Leading transplant surgeon.

by Dr Raymond Crockett, medical director of the centre, at his Harley Street practice, where he has not allowed Barnet Health Authority to see them.

The third inquiry, under the direction of Mr Charles Marshall, unit general manager of Camberwell Health Authority, is believed to confirm the "queue-jumping" use by Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon, of a National Health Service cadaver kidney as a replacement for a kidney sold by a Turk when that transplant failed.

The report also makes clear that the original kidney was matched with 11 of Mr Bewick's patients, who could clearly not all have been related to the donor, thereby making it clear that there were implications of a financial arrangement.

There is understood to be no suggestion in any of the reports, however, of either Mr Bewick or Dr Crockett being involved in financial gain from the sale of kidneys but the cases are said to raise ethical questions.

Less than four years ago, the Department of Health laid down strict guidelines for transplant operations.

The department said the only live donors who could be used had to be related to the recipients. Private hospitals were told that "improper or unacceptable" procedures could lead to their registrations being revoked.

The Kentucky-based Humana Inc, a group that runs 83 hospitals worldwide, defended the Humana Wellington last night and said it was up to doctors to ensure that donors and recipients were related.

However, staff at the Humana have expressed reservations to *The Times* about the checks carried out since one of the hospital's founders, Dr Arthur Levin, was replaced as medical director in 1987.

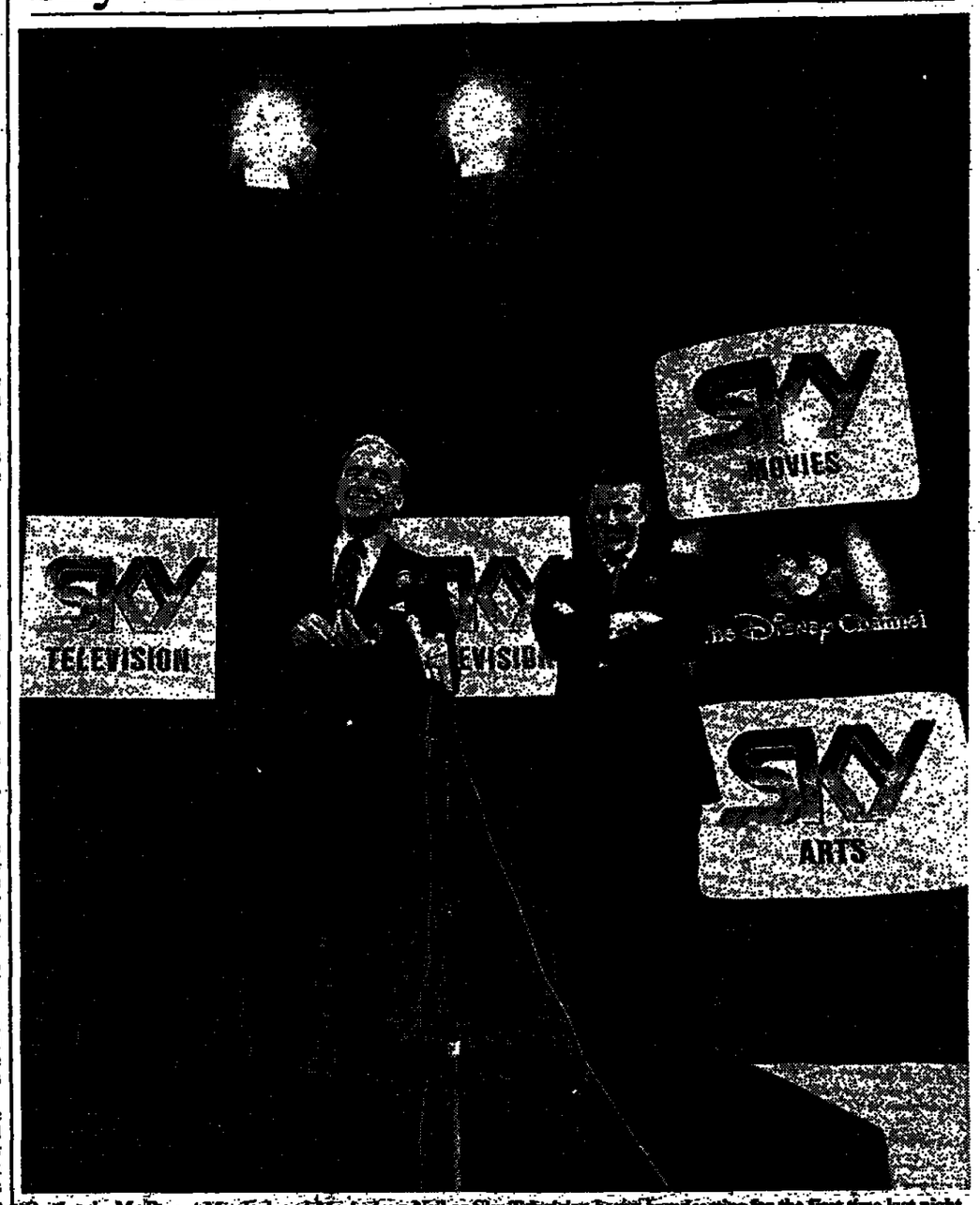
Dr Levin, who established an ethics committee that oversaw a policy aimed at ensuring that no money changed hands for organs, was replaced by a medical advisory panel.

"A committee like this never functions as efficiently as a single person," said one doctor.

However, Mr Patrick Stone, a Humana Inc spokesman, said from Kentucky yesterday there was no evidence of any payment by the hospital.

"The hospital has never been involved in the procurement of, or payment for, kidneys. It is hospital policy that kidney donors' costs be met entirely by relatives of the recipient."

Sky ushers in 'dawn of TV's new age'



On the air: Mr Rupert Murdoch and Mr Andrew Neil as Sky Television began broadcasting for the first time last night.

Monopoly over, says Murdoch

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Britain's broadcasting revolution was under way last night after the successful launch of the first four of Sky Television's six satellite television channels.

The nation's newest network sprang into life at 6pm and hopes to be beaming programmes directly into more than 1.25 million British homes by the end of the year.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News International, said: "Sky Television will bring competition, choice and quality to British television.

"The monopoly is broken. With the four channels we have launched today and the

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two more that we will start later this year, television in Britain will begin to deliver the diversity it has lacked."

In an opening message to British viewers last night, the Sky network said February 5 1989 marked "the dawn of television's new age and the most dramatic innovation in broadcasting since the launch of commercial television in Britain more than three decades ago".

More than 600,000 homes in the UK and the Irish Republic were able to see Sky's opening night via cable television or home dishes.

Minutes after the perfect launch of the four channels, Mr Murdoch said: "I am excited and relieved and have a keen anticipation that people will like these programmes."

He hoped two million homes would be able to receive Sky channels by the end of the year. "As to whether people will buy dishes, we are going on a hunch. I bought *The Sun* on a hunch that there was room for more than one popular newspaper than *The Daily Mirror*."

The arrival of satellite television in Britain comes less than eight months after Mr Murdoch announced his plans for Sky Television.

The new channels launched last night are:

- Sky News — Europe's first 24-hour TV news station.
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Litter louts face tougher penalties

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Police and magistrates are to be encouraged to prosecute more "litter louts" and impose tougher penalties in an attempt by the Government to tackle the litter problem.

The law provides for fines of up to £400 for litter offences but the average penalty is now no more than £32.

However, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the junior environment minister who recently assumed responsibility for tackling the enormous litter problem, is backing efforts by the Tidy Britain Group, the Government's agents, to talk to magistrates and police about stiffer penalties.

"There is a growing current of opinion amid the mounting pride in Britain and increased attention to the environment which says that it is intolerable for us to put up with so much litter," she said last night. The Government plans to double the amount it spends on the problem to £3 million in 1989-90. Ministers are monitoring events in Westminster, where the local authority has been given powers to levy on-the-spot fines, and will consider a nationwide scheme.



Mrs Bottomley: "Growing pride in Britain."

Fewer old people go for Tories

By Our Political Staff

Support for the Conservatives among the elderly — the fastest-growing section of the electorate — is falling, according to a new MORI poll conducted for *The Times*.

The Tory lead among those aged 55 and over was 4 per cent higher than among the population as a whole at the 1983 and 1987 elections, but that figure dropped to 2 per cent in the last quarter of 1988 and has not improved.

The poll reveals that old people are more worried about crime than the rest of the population but, surprisingly, are less concerned about the NHS than the population in general.

The poll also revealed that more old people view social security and pensions as a matter of importance as fewer work past retirement age.

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Paraguay election within 90 days

Asunción (Reuter) — Paraguay's provisional President, General Andrés Rodríguez, who seized power from General Alfredo Stroessner in a bloody coup on Friday, will call a general election within 90 days, Señor Luis María Argaña, the Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

The news came as General Stroessner was flown from Asunción to exile in Brazil on board a Paraguayan Airlines Boeing 707. He owns a house in southern Brazil.

In his inaugural speech on Friday General Rodríguez, who was a staunch Stroessner supporter for over 30 years, promised to restore democracy and respect human rights.

Señor Argaña told reporters that no firm date had been set for the elections. "We will hold elections within three months. They will be free, democratic and provide equal opportunity for all," he said.

Political sources said the main question now was whether opposition parties would be allowed to operate freely before the vote.

General Stroessner, aged 76, who ruled the country with an iron fist for 34 years, guaranteed his election success in early 1988 by effectively

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outlawing parties opposed to his Colorado Party. The sources said an election within the next three months would almost certainly result in a Colorado victory. But more important than the outcome of the vote would be whether the election would be run along truly democratic lines.

According to official figures 17 people, including two civilians, died and 30 were wounded in the five hours of heavy fighting in Asunción on Friday. However, Western diplomats put the death toll at more than 300.

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Martial law in Kabul as convoys reach border

From Edward Gorman
Termez, Uzbekistan

This small frontier garrison town was last night crammed with journalists, the wives and families of soldiers, and top Soviet officials for today's celebrations to mark the end of the Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Early today, a huge column of lorries, tanks, and armoured personnel carriers will roll across the steel bridge spanning the Oxus river as some of the last troops leave.

The column of more than 5,000 men, mostly of the élite 103 Guards Airborne Division, set off from Kabul early on Friday and arrived at the Afghan frontier post of Hairaton, just a few miles from here, last night.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported in Moscow last night that the beleaguered regime of President Najibullah, preparing to face the Mujahidin alone, effectively declared martial law in Kabul immediately the troops left.

The journey north for the column through the snowbound passes of the Salang Highway was not without incident. Two soldiers were killed by an avalanche south of the Salang tunnel early on, and Soviet journalists here say a brigade commander was killed on Saturday after he had apparently set off in a helicopter gunship, now missing, determined to lead his men's withdrawal from the war from the front.

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On several occasions, the column was forced to halt while snow and ice was cleared from the road. At one point, hundreds of vehicles had to take a detour alongside the road.

The route had been prepared since last week, according to United States sources, with very heavy air strikes on villages close to the highway. State Department officials spoke of these causing hundreds of casualties among Afghan civilians.

Although the celebrations begin today, an estimated 1,000 men remain in Kabul, overseeing distribution of emergency food supplies flown in from the Soviet Union. About 20,000 men are believed to remain at the big air base at Shindand in Western Afghanistan, but they are all expected to be out within the next two days.

Today's ceremony is the first official welcome home for the troops since similar celebrations last May marking the beginning of the phased nine month Soviet withdrawal.

The troops will be addressed by a senior officer, and will then meet relatives especially flown in. The overall commander of the Soviet Army in Afghanistan, General Boris Gromov, arrived at his headquarters here yesterday and was described by Soviet correspondents as being "exhausted".

About a hundred journalists, Western and Soviet, have been flown in to cover today's events.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Paras get posting in west Belfast

A battalion of the elite Parachute Regiment is set to be deployed in Northern Ireland on a two-year residential tour of duty in a move which is bound to provoke nationalist protest and is likely to alarm the Dublin Government.

Nationalist politicians last night reacted angrily on hearing that the battalion will be based at the Palace Barracks, Holywood, just outside Belfast. The presence of the Paras on the streets of Catholic west Belfast would act as a "red flag" to the IRA and would serve as useful propaganda for Sinn Fein, they said.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party is likely to raise the matter in the Commons and to urge the Government to rescind the posting.

Endowment losses

Consumers are losing about £680 million a year by cancelling endowment policies when re-mortgaging their homes or taking out larger advances, a report says. In almost all cases, policy cancellation is not necessary, but consumers are talked into it by re-mortgage shops, banks and building centres that obtain a commission on new business, the Institute of Insurance Brokers says. Research has shown that 93 per cent of early endowment policy surrenders are attributable to mortgage advances.

Chatterbox silence

Chatterbox of Leeds, one of the chatline services due to close today by order of British Telecom, was unusually reluctant to talk yesterday. The scores of lines clients could call for up to 38p a minute were still open as Mr Richard Burke, chairman of Chatterbox UK, prepared to take legal action against BT. Earlier Mr Burke said: "We are considering applying for a High Court injunction".

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BBC report attacked

The BBC is facing mounting criticism over its report last week of talks between Northern Ireland's political parties in which it claimed that the province was on the verge of an historic breakthrough. Mr Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said he told the BBC of serious inaccuracies and urged it to stop transmission. Other politicians claim the report was "hyped". Mr Robinson is to file a formal complaint.

Prince in dog dispute

Prince Michael of Kent, the Queen's cousin, has been accused by dog breeders of setting a bad example as president of the Kennel Club. A member of the club said he bred from his Labrador bitch without testing for hereditary defects through a scheme encouraged by the club. The accusation is doubly embarrassing for the club because Prince Michael is scheduled to launch the new Kennel Club code of ethics this week, emphasizing the importance of responsible breeding. A spokesman for the Prince insisted last night that the bitch was clear of "any kind of disorder".

Action over Currie

Labour plans to table a Commons motion compelling Mrs Edwina Currie to appear before the committee investigating the salmonella-in-eggs controversy, Dr David Clark, the party spokesman on agriculture, said yesterday. He said the Opposition was incensed at the confirmation that Mrs Currie, who has twice refused to appear before the Select Committee on Agriculture, was writing a book on the affair.

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Jail peace formula as officers meet for national strike vote

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Prison Officers' Association expects to meet the Prison Department today in a last-minute attempt to settle the crisis in Wandsworth jail, south London, before tomorrow's delegate conference that could recommend national industrial action.

Wandsworth officers yesterday met Mr John Bartell, the association chairman, to discuss a peace formula. Afterwards, he told *The Times*: "With commonsense from the Home Office and the honouring of existing agreements the dispute can be settled".

In a separate initiative, the Prison Governors' Association will today put to Mr Douglas Hogg, Home Office Minister with responsibility for prisons, ideas aimed at defusing persistently explosive industrial relations in jails.

One option proposed by the association is an inquiry headed by a judge; another is an arbitration system within the prison service.

Mr Terry Bone, chairman, said the Wandsworth officers were being "grossly irresponsible".

He said in an interview on BBC Radio 4's *World This Weekend*: "We cannot allow a few militants — and that is all they are — to destroy effectively all the goodwill inherent in the prison system".

Asked if he thought the Army might be called in if police did not have the officers to cope he said: "Ultimately, if we do go down that road, it will have to be the Army, but we do not want to see that".

The Wandsworth officers' proposal, which will be discussed at a full national executive meeting today is based on the manpower recommendations for the jail drawn up by the Home Office.

Mr Bartell told *The Times* that 25 extra officers were needed to meet the requirements of Fresh Start, the new system of working. The Home Office had until now insisted on giving the POA only a 10-day period in which to reach a settlement of the dispute.

But the Wandsworth officers say it will be impossible to recruit within 10 days the 25 extra staff needed to bring the manpower up to the level recommended in the Home Office report and the limit should be extended.

Mr Bartell said that so far the Home Office had been unwilling in negotiations to extend the limit because of its insistence on "management's right to manage".

The new proposals come in the wake of informal weekend meetings between Mr Bartell and Wandsworth branch representatives. He disclosed that the sticking point in negotiations with the Home Office was its insistence on the 10 days for implementation of the manpower report. The report recognized that, if the staff were not there, serious difficulties would continue.

There was not a great deal between the two sides and no serious objections to the content of the manpower report. Clearly to impose a time limit of 10 days created an untenable position.

"The reality, of course, is that we have tried our best to make Fresh Start work. But we are bedevilled by one simple fact — that almost every prison in the country is operating with staffing levels below the Home Office's figures.

"I don't think anyone should be under an illusion about the mood in the service", Mr Bartell said.

The call for industrial action had already been made from many branches which had contacted POA headquarters, he said.

Some branches wanted to take immediate action, some wanted the leadership to take control and orchestrate national action; others said that they wanted to take action but wanted to know more about Wandsworth.

Any decision on national industrial action awaits tomorrow's meeting, but Mr Bartell said there were many forms of it that could be taken, besides the reduction of prisons' populations to what they were officially supposed to be — the so-called certified normal accommodation.

Royal holiday ends

JAMES GRAY



The Queen receiving flowers on her way to a service at West Newton church, Norfolk, where she presented prizes to 29 youngsters for good attendance yesterday. She is scheduled to return to Buckingham Palace today to resume her official duties after her winter holiday at Sandringham.

Whitehall strike threat over trainees

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Members of the largest Whitehall union have been warned they face the prospect of taking industrial action if Militant Tendency and Socialist Workers Party activists persuade them to oppose youth training scheme participation in government departments.

After months of negotiation, the 150,000-member Civil and Public Services Association is convinced it has negotiated a deal which will be in the best interests of the trainees and the union.

However, militants within the union are campaigning for the members to reject the deal in a ballot being held now. A no vote would mean that union members would be obliged to take strike action whenever the youth scheme was introduced.

At the union's last conference, delegates had demanded that the trainees should receive union rates for the job and guaranteed jobs at the end of the scheme.

Under the agreement reached with the official side, trainees will receive the YTS rate of £29.50 a week for the first year and £35 for the second year.

In a circular to his members, Mr John Ellis, general secretary, says: "The only alternative to accepting the agreement is not for us to try for further improvements — they are simply not available at this time — but to mount strikes wherever the official side decides to bring in YTS trainees".

Students in legal threat over boycott of examinations

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

A threat by a student group to sue universities if a lecturers' boycott of examinations halts degree finals was being taken "very seriously" by vice-chancellors last night.

Legal advice obtained by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has confirmed that students would have a case in law if the universities failed to provide degree examinations.

Urgent efforts will be made this week to quantify the financial cost of successful litigation, but provisional estimates suggest it could be several million pounds.

The final examinations of 70,000 undergraduates in British universities are under threat from the boycott and a number of mid-term examinations have already been hit.

The threat of legal action comes from the newly-formed Campaign for Degrees, based at the London School of Economics, which is believed to have widespread support among overseas students.

The Association of University Teachers (AUT) imposed a boycott on any work connected with examinations at the start of this term in protest at the universities' failure to make a pay offer for 1988-89.

Last month's offer of 3 per cent, payable from April, was described by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors as "embarrassingly low". The chairman, Professor Sir Mark Richmond, met Mr Robert Jackson, the Minister for Higher Education, last week to ask for an extra £183 million to fund a bigger rise for the 31,000 lecturers.

The legal opinion confirms the campaign's view that universities have a legal contract with their students to provide tuition and examinations. Foreign students, who pay their own tuition fees at rates up to four times higher than those of home students, are likely to lead demands for compensation.

The AUT said it was seeking legal advice but the threat of action was "unwelcome".

The National Union of Students said although it supported the lecturers' demand for better pay, it planned to meet the LSE group later this week to discuss their plans for legal action.

● The Government's proposals for student loans are too ambitious, and top-up loans should only be on a small scale, according to Lloyds Bank. Parents should be able to borrow the money, their statutory contributions to student grants, and claim tax relief on the interest.

Mr Christopher Johnson, economic adviser to the bank, writing in its *Economic Bulletin* published today, says that the real value of grants has fallen by about 20 per cent over the past 25 years, while parental contributions have risen by more than 50 per cent.

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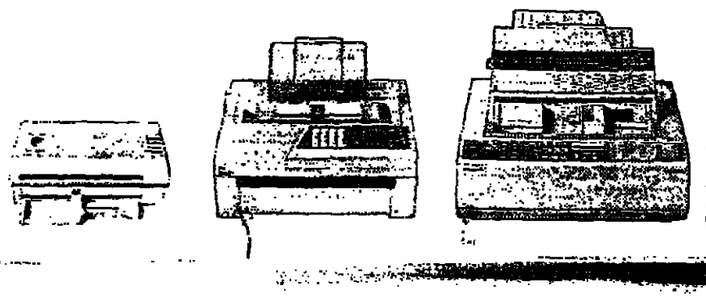
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London outbreak of legionnaires' disease could affect millions

By David Nicholson-Lord

Air conditioning systems in two large office buildings in central London have been closed down after an outbreak of legionnaires' disease in which millions of people may be at risk, it was disclosed yesterday.

Westminster City Council, which has up to 50 people investigating the outbreak, refused to name the buildings but said plants in them had been closed while tests were carried out.

Mrs Margaret Tomlinson, chief environmental health officer, said: "If we have any doubts about the safe operation of a plant we will err on the side of caution and have it shut down".

Tests for the presence of *legionella pneumophila* will take several days.

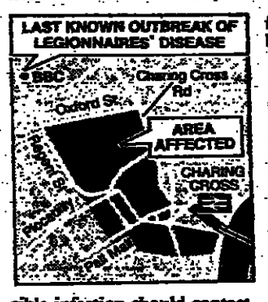
Westminster has defined an area in the West End bounded by Oxford Street, Regent Street, St James's, the Embankment and Charing Cross Road as containing the source of the outbreak, which is likely to be a "wet" cooling system similar to that at Broadcasting House, where an outbreak occurred last April.

So far there have been five confirmed cases of the disease and another seven suspected. In theory anyone who lives or works in the area or who has passed through as a tourist or a shopper may be at risk.

The size of the operation is increased by the fact that the period of risk — from the end of December up to the present — covers the new year sales, when the streets were full of bargain-hunters.

Westminster has asked regional health authorities, hospitals and doctors to be on the alert for patients who have pneumonia symptoms and who have been in the area over the past six weeks. Legionnaires' disease is similar to pneumonia, starting with fever, chills, headaches and muscle pains. The council has asked doctors to telephone its incident room on 01 798 1235/6/7/8.

Westminster said people who had been in the risk area and were worried about possible infection should contact their GP if they felt unwell, particularly if they had a chest infection. If they had no symptoms, they should not be concerned.



The council acknowledged that it faced a huge task because of the numbers involved and because of the density of office buildings, many of them government-owned.

The area also includes attractions such as Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square and Trafalgar Square.

The Department of Health said four people were in hospital and one had been allowed home. It was not thought the lives of any of those taken ill were at risk.

It said there was no evidence that Broadcasting House was connected with the latest outbreak.

The risk area may change today when weather records for the period are examined to determine the strength and direction of winds. The bacterium is carried in an aerosol produced typically by air-conditioning plants.

Samples have been taken from cooling systems in 21 buildings.

If the source is pinpointed there could be substantial claims for compensation.

The BBC, which last week was fined £3,600 with £3,196 costs over the outbreak in which three people died, has received claims from about 50 victims and faces damages estimated at more than £1 million.

Between 100 and 200 cases of the disease are reported each year in England and Wales. Most people recover but the disease can be fatal.

Those most at risk include smokers, alcoholics and patients with cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory or kidney disease.

The outbreak is to be considered at a special meeting of the all-party Commons employment committee tomorrow.

● Oxford University hopes to reopen its main computer today after a four-day shutdown caused by the discovery of the legionnaires' disease bacterium in an air-conditioning system.

Taking note of the test to come



Laura Duggan, aged eight, a violinist nervously peeping at the stage during rehearsals for a young musicians' concert yesterday afternoon at St John's Church, Smith Square, south-west London. The concert featured 40 children, the youngest of whom was three, playing a variety of string music, from "Suzuki" pieces to an Elgar serenade and the Vivaldi Seasons.

V&A director defends senior redundancies

Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, defended her programme of voluntary redundancy and departmental restructuring yesterday, saying it was essential to ensure the museum's survival (Simon Tait writes).

Four departmental keepers and five senior curators have already been asked to accept voluntary redundancy, and more may be approached this week. Mrs Esteve-Coll said salaries absorbed 63 per cent of the museum's revenue grant. Without cuts now, the V&A would be in debt by 1992.

"The new structure means we can take avoiding action and say 'we're not going to let this great institution wither on the branch and die'", she said.

"This [redundancy and streamlining] policy was not driven by our financial position, but it has acted as a spur to put the policy into practice very quickly."

Last week, a team from Harvard Business School began a three-month study of the museum's earning power, and there is a space audit under way seeking to set right the problem of inadequate storage facilities.

"Our two great resources are our collections and our people, and it's essential that we get the right formula", Mrs Esteve-Coll said.

Passport scheme for museums

A scheme offering special concessions at more than 750 museums and galleries is being launched today by *The Times* in celebration of Museums Year (Simon Tait writes).

The Times Passport package includes a comprehensive, 240-page year guide to activities, events and special offers devised by museums and galleries throughout Britain in association with the Museums Association.

The pocket-size guide has a preface by the Duchess of York, patron of Museums Year. It contains full colour maps of 11 regions in Britain to make museums and galleries easier to pinpoint.

Concessions range from free or reduced admission and discounts on museum shops and books, to after-hours tours, private views and special Museums Year events.

The Passport package, which is being offered exclusively to readers of *The Times* at £3.95, will be available in shops after March 31 at £6.95.

As part of Museums Year, *The Times* will also sponsor a schools competition in the summer and a search for the most innovative museum.

Information on museum and gallery events for Museums Year will be given in *The Times* Review section every Saturday.

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The weekly Portfolio Plus Accumulator prize of £8,000 is shared by four winners: Mrs Patricia Daniels, of Bradda Mount, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire; Mr Robin Tobin, of Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, north-west London; Mr Michael Baillie, of Acol Road, Hampstead, north-west London; and Mrs Janice Dale, Gorselands Close, West Byfleet, Surrey.

Satellite television launch

Sky reports all systems go

By Robin Young

It is called Sky Television and is transmitted by satellite, but it has its feet firmly on the ground.

Minutes after the company launched four new channels at 6pm yesterday, more than doubling the amount of television available in Britain, Mr Andrew Neil, Sky's chairman, had just one problem.

It was how to rearrange the coaches which had brought the VIP guests who witnessed the start of programming. When the chairman has time to play car park attendant one must assume that his confidence in the rest of his team is unassailable.

No-one on the unfinished site at an Isleworth, west London, business park has any fear that Mr Rupert Murdoch's multi-million pound investment in more than doubling the number of Britain's television channels is an idle pipe dream. Nor do they think that they are staffing the down market tabloid of the air.

"Down market, up market", Mr Murdoch said impatiently to an ITV camera. "I don't know what it means. It all comes from your class-ridden British attitude. There is nothing wrong with being popular."

There are some popular people at the Isleworth plant and one is Mr Dave Hill, the ebullient executive producer of the Sky News and Eurosport channels. He is an Australian, a veteran of Mr Kerry Packer's Channel 9. As he bounced through the news room, joshing and geeing up the staff, he stopped long enough to say: "The philosophy is what my first news editor told me. Explain it so that a 10-year-old Martian could understand it if he only landed this morning.

"I want it to be so clear that you do not need extra sensory perception to know what is happening, who is playing, and what the score is." No-one would guess at the number of viewers. Even Mr Murdoch admitted he could not say how many Sky dishes had been sold, only that it was all those that had been made.

The excitement of launching a 24-hour news channel was not lessened by the thought that few were watching it, especially when they almost certainly included every other news gathering operation in the world, most waiting to seize on any failures.

"The worst thing is that there is no real big news story breaking. That's what you get for launching on a Sunday",

"The philosophy is ... to explain it so that a 10-year-old Martian could understand"

lamented Mr John O'Loan, Sky's director of news, a veteran of the Australian Channel 10 network, which was once Mr Murdoch's chain of television stations.

Mr O'Loan has more than 200 news staff, a mix of recruits from other television companies, newspapers and news agencies. About 20 are Australians, including Mr Dave Phelps, his deputy, who spent some time trying to repair a telex machine which had been sat upon by a photographer in the scrum surrounding Mr Murdoch's visit.

It was the only mishap of note. The foreign news editor arrived only on Saturday, and although many of the reporters had no television experience and the features editor, another Australian called Mr Ben Hawke, had only a month to prepare his programming, everything was ready by 5.30pm.

Mr O'Loan, an earnest, bespectacled and quiet man with a cordless telephone perpetually in his hand, was asking staff to tidy their desks while other executives told reporters and production assistants to walk, not stand. Sky was putting on its best appearance for the benefit of other television channels and for the senior News International executives who had gathered to see it take off.

In a separate building, the chiefs of Eurosport, Mr Adrian Metcalfe, the Olympic silver medallist and, until recently, chief sports programmer of Channel 4, and Mr Richard Russell, ITV's senior producer at the Seoul Olympics, faced only one difficult decision.

They had to wait to find out whether bad weather cancelled the women's downhill skiing championships in Colorado, in which case they would have to make do with the Austria versus Australia Davis Cup match in Vienna.

Mr Metcalfe said: "There is a huge, intelligent audience for sport. People laugh at us for scheduling handball, but handball is extremely popular in Germany where at least half our viewers will be.

"In Britain, people get excited about volleyball during the Olympics. Then it disappears. We will be able to show lots of good sport that gets no viewing at present."

Somewhere in the West End, Frank Bough was interviewing Mr Austin Mitchell, the dismissed Labour Party frontbencher, and Mr Norman Tebbit, former chairman of the Conservative Party, who will present Sky's political *Crossfire* programme.

The production had been left to Mr Leno Ferrari, a freelancer, who happens to be the brother of Mr Nick Ferrari, Sky's news editor.

Mr Nick Ferrari's wife produced a baby on Friday morning, induced partly so that he could be sure of being in the studio for the launch.

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12m face 30% water bill rise

By Graham Serjeant, Financial Editor

About a quarter of British homes could face water bill increases of more than 30 per cent this year, chiefly as a result of the Government's privatization policy. The legislation will convert statutory private water companies into conventional companies, obliging them to reorganize their finances and make a higher return for shareholders.

The Water Companies Association, representing 28 private water companies supplying 12 million people, says its members — particularly strong in the South-east and North-east of England — are likely to raise their charges by 30 per cent or more for the 1989-90 financial year.

West Kent Water, one of more than a dozen companies under the control or influence of large French water groups, has already announced a 42 per cent increase. Mr Michael Swallow, director of WCA, said a few other companies might announce even steeper rises.

"At the moment, statutory water companies operate under profit control", Mr Swallow said. "They are already private, but the Government's proposals will bring them under price control, meaning immediate price increases.

"Profit control put the customers first. Price control puts shareholders first."

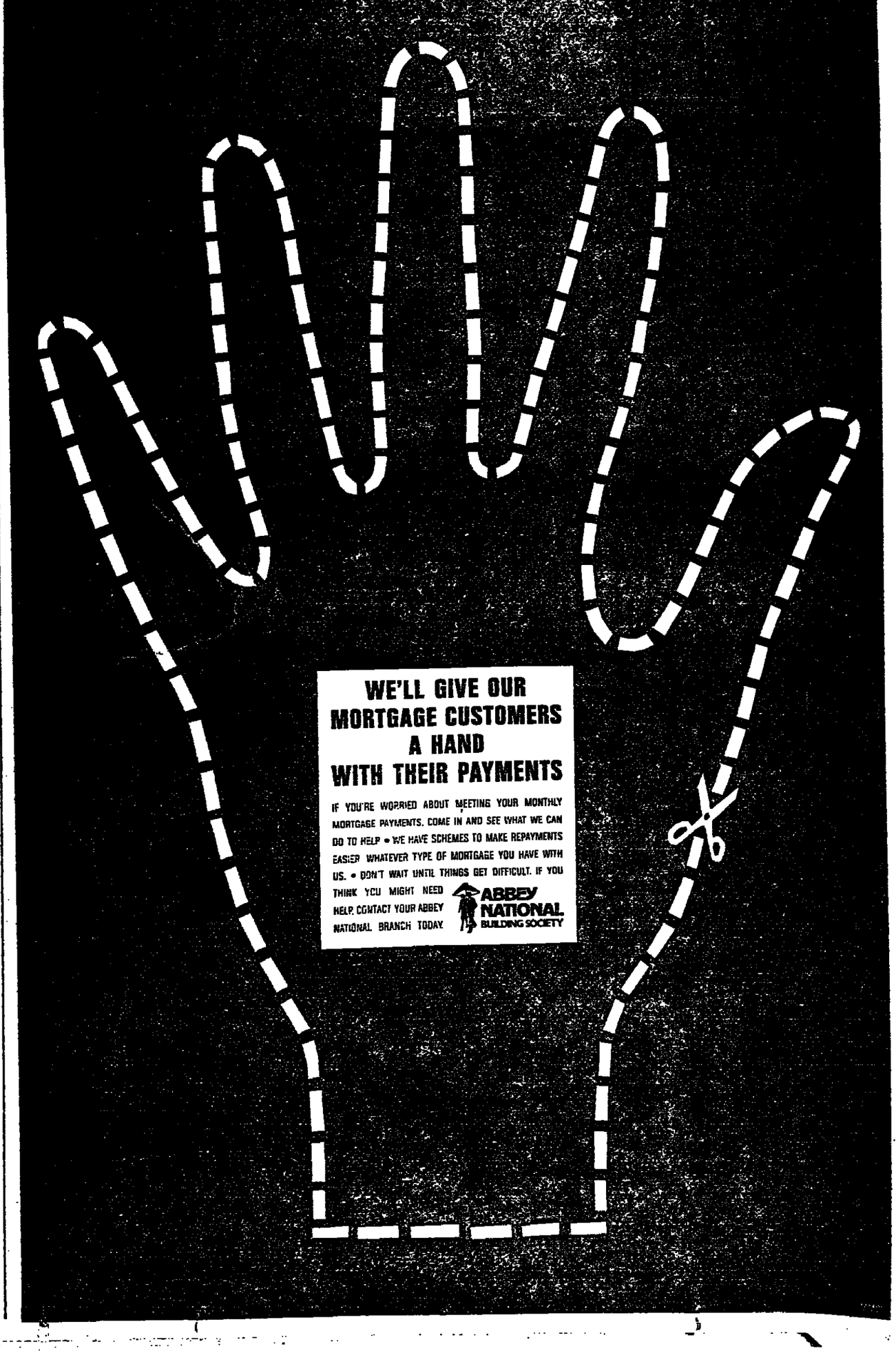
Until now, statutory water companies could pay fixed dividends only, and could not retain profits for future investment. As a result, their prices have, on average, fallen behind those of water authorities.

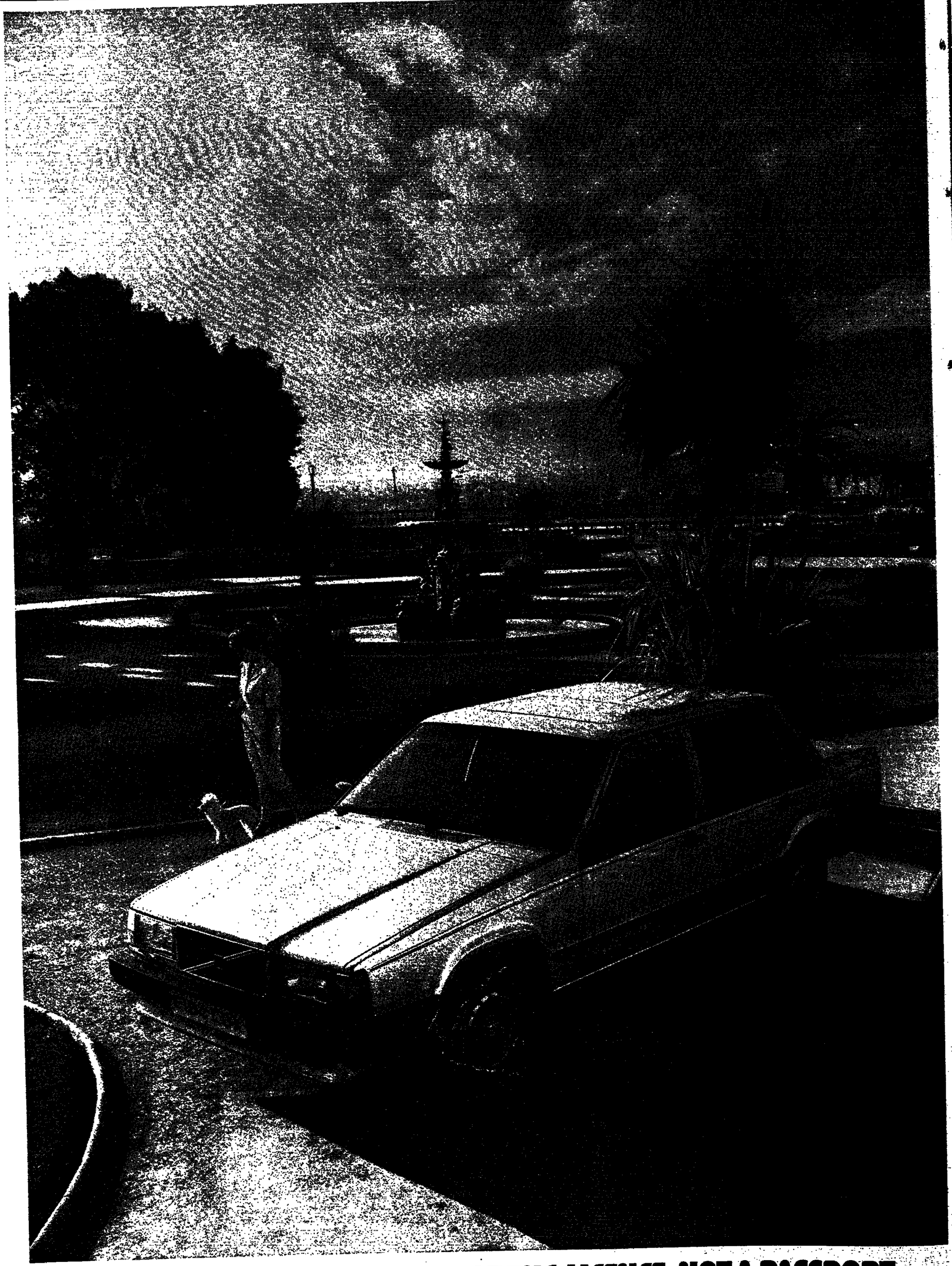
Under the water privatization Bill, currently in its House of Commons committee stage, the private companies will come under the same regime as privatized authorities if shareholders choose.

The companies, which have collectively opposed the change, have privately estimated that a price increase of about 20 per cent will be needed to bring them in line with the authorities.

However, Mr Michael Howard, the minister in charge of the privatization Bill, warned companies yesterday that excessive rises might be deducted from any increases permitted under the new regime.

"I am very concerned, both by the level of increases which the private water companies have announced, and by the reasons they have put forward for those increases", Mr Howard said.





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MP fights to help servicemen to get foot on the housing ladder

By Robin Oakley and Andrew Morgan

Sergeant Paul Whalley is due to leave the Army in June after 22 years with the Royal Fusiliers but he said yesterday all the councils he has approached say he be will placed at the bottom of their housing lists.

The only hope for Sergeant Whalley, who pays £130 a month for married quarters at Woolwich barracks, is a parliamentary campaign being waged by Mr Julian Brazier, Conservative MP for Canterbury, to help ex-servicemen on to the housing ladder.

Mr Brazier says that servicemen's housing difficulties are the main reason for a 73 per cent increase in the number of premature voluntary releases from the Army over the past five years. He launched his campaign when the Commons gave him leave to introduce a 10-minute rule Bill last week providing for an armed forces house purchase savings scheme. A growing number of MPs are pressing for action from the Ministry of Defence, fearing that housing difficulties could make it impossible in the lean years of the 1990s to recruit sufficient servicemen.

Sergeant Whalley, aged 41, earns £13,500 a year and is expecting a final lump sum payment of £17,500. But he says this is insufficient to buy a house in southern England, where he has family ties and his chances are best for work as a transport manager. He will be restricted to council property and is anticipating a poor quality flat for his children, after years of comfortable quarters, even when he climbs the list.

Servicemen, especially in the Army who are more often posted overseas, face the problem at present that they must either find the money on top of the rent for service quarters to buy a home and let it while abroad — with the risks of failing to find tenants or see the profits go to middlemen — or else they find themselves at the end of their service unable to get a foot on the housing ladder.

Mr Brazier quotes cases of a corporal with 18 years' service and a sergeant with 22 years' service including 11 tours in Northern Ireland being evicted by bailiffs. Under his Bill, army and other forces personnel would enjoy the tax advantages of owner occupiers without actually buying a house.

The scheme would work by allowing them, instead of renting service accommodation, to buy a single house-sized share of the Ministry of Defence's housing supply. On that they would be allowed mortgage tax relief. When they retired from the Army they would sell back the property at the new indexed price, without being liable for capital gains tax.

Sergeant Whalley, who is with the Army careers office, has been paying rent in married accommodation all over the world since 1971. He approached the Labour-controlled Greenwich Council, where Woolwich barracks are located. He says it told him servicemen had no priority.

"They said the Army had put us here and the council never asked them to post us. After 22 years' service, including 10 Ulster tours, I am put at the bottom of the list with those who have given nothing."

At present, Mr Brazier says, many Army officers and men had to commute half their pensions to buy even a small property on leaving the service. Otherwise they had to take the chance of buying private property while they were in the Forces.

An Army major aged 35 with 18 years' service and earning £20,000, declining to be named but based in Kent, pays £200 a month for accommodation for his wife and family. But he is "crippled" with a £40,000 mortgage on a house bought as a vital investment. It is now up for sale after trouble with tenants, who have paid low rents under the Rent Act, which are taxed. The mortgage payments are barely covered.

The officer's wife says: "It is dead money. Council tenants can buy property after two years but we cannot. We need a scheme where a proportion of rent goes towards a mortgage so a man can get into the property market at the end of his service." The couple take no holidays and have few luxuries and claim friends not in the services have a better standard of living.

The officer is considering leaving the Army, even though he is intended as a career officer. "Many NCOs are putting in their papers because they can see problems looming up." While 64 per cent of the population are home owners only 25 per cent of Army other ranks own their homes. Half the trained strength of the Army and nearly a fifth of the RAF are stationed outside Britain, so they are unable to be owner occupiers in the normal civilian way.

Mr Brazier's Bill has no chance of becoming law. But the Ministry of Defence acknowledges the problem he has raised. Two building societies have expressed interest in supporting any scheme brought forward by the Government.

Mr Brazier says: "We cannot expect to retain a modern Army in the lean years of the 1990s on the basis of the soldier being a tenant of a tied cottage during his service then homeless at the end of it. We need a middle way, a method of saving for a home which enjoys the same tax treatment as the owner-occupier but which does not involve a soldier in having to buy, mortgage and let a property hundreds of miles away, while paying rent on his own quarter."

Labour claims 320 hospitals are listed for NHS 'opt-out'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The opting-out of hospitals from local health authority control risks the health of the community, the Labour Party says. It will try to turn Conservative MPs against the plan by campaigning in their constituencies to "save" hospitals.

Ms Harriet Harman, Labour's shadow Minister of Health, is to publish what the party believes to be a "hit-list" of 320 National Health Service hospitals earmarked by the Government for the opting-out procedure today.

"Labour will be campaigning up and down the country", she said. "The Government must not put profits before patients. We will work with a wide range of professional and voluntary organizations to ensure opt-out is exposed as a risk to the health of the community and patients everywhere. Conservative MPs will be under pressure both locally and in Parliament to oppose these plans."

The campaign would involve local parties and community health councils.

In terms of the White Paper, opted-out health service hospital trusts will be able to hire their own staff and set pay rates to reflect local markets. Health ministers have promised that there is no question of the trusts being a prelude to privatization, and that they will be broken up only if they fail to give a proper service. Labour, however, remains suspicious that under a Secretary of State less committed to the NHS than Mr Kenneth Clarke, more privatization steps might follow.

Ms Harman said opting out would lower quality of care in hospitals as they cut corners to compete for district health authority contracts.

If hospitals did not win a contract, local people could be turned away from them.

Hospitals would be obliged to provide core services only, so that local residents might have to travel miles for such treatments as kidney dialysis, ear, nose and throat surgery, and hernia and hip operations. Opted-out centres, she suggested, might also decide not to provide routine chest X-rays and other non-emergency diagnostic tests, reducing their role in preventive medicine.

Ms Harman said the NHS faced a slow death under the Government's proposals.

Ministers have denied the existence of any list of hospitals targeted for opting out. But before its review of the health service was announced, the attitude of likely candidates was tested. Initial responses were cool, but some hospital administrations later approved of the idea of running their own affairs.

● Mr Clarke made clear yesterday that he opposes general tax relief for those who choose private health care outside the NHS.

However, he defended relief for the elderly, saying it would help to reduce waiting times and queues in the public sector.

"I see no general case for tax relief. People of working age must decide for themselves. I believe in low taxation where people decide how to spend their own money", Mr Clarke told BBC's *On the Record* listeners.

"People who want to go to the private sector release a bed for others. That is how I regard it", he said.

The British Medical Association will today instruct doctors that they must not indulge in speculation about a patient's lifestyle and potential for contracting Aids when carrying out tests for life insurance companies (Robert Matthews writes).

The BMA's professional division makes clear its concern that some patients may have been prevented from taking out assurance because of impressions gained by doctors, rather than by a positive Aids virus test result.

Ambassador plants his farewell present

JAMES MORGAN



Mrs Margaret Thatcher, flanked by her husband, Denis and Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, looking on yesterday as Mr Charles Price, the outgoing United States ambassador, and his wife, Carol, plant a tree at Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country residence in Buckinghamshire. The tree, a Liquidamber, was a farewell gift to mark the ambassador's six-year stay in Britain.

Peacock committee rejects ITV franchise plan

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Two controversial proposals in the broadcasting White Paper are rejected today by a government-appointed committee whose report underpins the proposed shake-up for radio and television.

The Peacock committee specifically rejects the government proposal that independent television franchises must go to the highest bidder.

It also calls on ministers to drop their plan to stop increasing the licence fee in line with inflation after 1991. A premature reduction of the fee would have "damaging effects both on BBC Television and BBC Radio", the report says.

The Labour Party has asked Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to refer all of Mr Rupert Murdoch's media interests in the United Kingdom to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, after the launch of Sky Television. Mr Bryan Gould has written to Lord Young urging that a reference to the commission should include "News International's domination of the daily and Sunday national newspaper market". In the Commons debate this week on broadcasting, Mr Roy Hattersley, the party's deputy leader, is expected to reinforce the call. Any future Labour government plans to restrict further takeovers by those who, like Mr Murdoch, control several media outlets, and also to find ways of breaking down the present concentrations of ownership.

The objections are contained in a submission on the White Paper delivered to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and signed by six of the seven committee members. Sir Alan Peacock, chairman of the committee, is understood to support the objections although he has not signed the paper as he was ill when it was drafted.

The submission is by far the most important response to the White Paper and will cause the Government considerable embarrassment. The committee, set up to look at the future financing of the BBC, delivered wide-ranging recommendations on broadcasting.

It was welcomed in Whitehall and used by ministers as essential groundwork in drawing up their proposals. While recommending competitive tendering for independent television franchises, the committee said there had to be a "safety net". Although franchises should go to the highest bidder the Independent Television Commission should have the option of appointing a company which had offered a lower price if it was likely to give more value. The Government plans insist on accepting the highest bidder.

The White Paper encourages the BBC to raise revenue from subscriptions. After 1991 the BBC would be expected to make up the licence fee shortfall with money from its new services.

New inquiry into open-cast mine

The Welsh Office has responded to doctors' evidence of high levels of illness in communities near open-cast mine sites, as reported in *The Times* last June, with an unprecedented order to reopen a public inquiry into the siting of a new mine in Glynneath, West Glamorgan.

The inquiry, which will open after Easter and include an assessor with medical qualifications, will be watched by open-cast opposition groups from Fife to Gateshead, Derbyshire and Nottingham, who are trying to use the Welsh doctors' findings to further their own campaigns.

The Glynneath doctors noted links between mining and unusual levels of dust-related diseases such as asthma and its links to febrile otitis media, an ear infection claimed to slow the learning abilities of local children.

The doctors, Wyn Watkins, John Thomas, Mark Temple and Huw Rees, believe that if the site is refused, repercussions nationwide could lead to almost total closure of the open-cast industry.

They have recommended that no site be worked within 10 miles of any community. It is estimated that 6.5 million people live within this distance of open-cast sites in Britain.

Other objections include the breach of a European directive on pollution by mines already bordering Glynneath.

Prince in talks on Holbein

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

The Prince of Wales has discussed with his fellow trustees at the National Gallery the possibility of taking Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza's Holbein portrait of Henry VIII on loan, Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday.

The painting, which shows the monarch resplendent in plumed hat, fur cape and gold chain, was bought by the baron's father from Earl Spencer, the Princess of Wales's grandfather, in the 1930s. Having been shown in London last year at an exhibition of the baron's collection, it is at his gallery in Lugano, Switzerland, before being transported to Spain on a long-term loan.

The heritage lobby last night welcomed the news of the Prince's initiative but expressed the hope that it would result in an offer of sale by the baron.

Last week, the shortfall between market prices and museum purchasing capabilities was demonstrated by the case of Turner's "Seascape, Folkestone" once the pride of Lord Clark's collection and now threatened with export if £20 million — the price set on it by the anonymous vendor — cannot be raised.

This painting spent three years on loan to the National Gallery of Scotland before its export application, during which time its market value tripled.

"The Holbein is the one picture that this country would dearly love to have back", Sir Hugh Leggatt, secretary of Heritage in Danger, said.

But, as with "Seascape, Folkestone" there was concern about the purported valuation of the Holbein. Sotheby's is said to have priced it at £31.6 million, making it the most expensive painting in the world were it to come to sale.

Irish country themes fetch record prices

SALEROOM

By Jenny Gilbert

The auction price record for Paul Henry, the Belfast-born artist, was broken twice last week in a country sale held by Andrew Grant, the Worcester auctioneers.

Henry (1877-1958) trained in Paris under Whistler and was partially colour blind. His works, mainly country themes in oils, are remarkable for their subtle neutral tones.

Christie's sold a Henry last October for £16,000. Last Thursday Andrew Grant sold two similar works, "Irish Country Scenes" and "Potato Diggers", painted around 1912, to dealers for £21,000 and £24,000 respectively. That is line with a developing taste for the so-called British post-Impressionists who went to Paris to study at the turn of the century.

At Christie's New York sale of Continental furniture at the weekend, carpets came out on top. A lushly coloured Savonnerie made early this century in the Louis XV style was bought by a London dealer for $68,200 (£39,195).

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

From nuclear powerhouse to privatized fission

In most Whitehall departments you find rogues' galleries — photographs (in the more ancient ones, lithographs and even paintings) of former secretaries of state, former permanent secretaries and former chairmen. Few are as impressive as that adorning a corridor from the office of the chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

These men — Sir Edwin Plowden, Sir William Penney, Sir Roger Makins, Sir Walter Marshall — were, as chairmen, true men of power. Authors and instigators of the civil nuclear programme since the mid-fifties, they have overseen the commitment of a great slab of national resources to nuclear electricity generation. At times it seemed as if they were the kings, and ministers the courtiers, so great was the prestige of the office they commanded, so exclusive the mystery of nuclear fission.

No longer. The humbling of the Atomic Energy Authority has not happened overnight, but reduced in circumstances it surely now is. An Atomic Energy policeman (the authority, uniquely, runs its own armed police force) still stands guard at the door. But the sense that its glory days are firmly past is palpable.

A recent announcement by the Department of Energy — slicing, almost in half, outlays on the fast-breeder reactor programme — would have been a good occasion to turn those former chairmen's faces to the wall. The privatization of the electricity supply industry, proceeding through Parliament like a knife through soft butter, will marginalize the authority even further. Why should there be a public-sector body spending good taxpayer pounds on devising a reactor that will make future profits for National Power plc?

The authority may by all accounts be on to a technological winner with its projected investment (hand in hand with the American government) in a new, smaller and less elaborate pressurized water reactor. But the pregnant question remains: why should the taxpayer be subsidizing the shareholders of a private electricity utility?

There are not many environmentalists, nor all that many students of post-war public finance who will mourn the ejection of the authority from the corridors of power. They may well welcome the opening of the nuclear accounts that Mr Cecil Parkinson's privatization exercise has begun, recalling with dismay the days when Sir William, Sir Edwin and the Prime Minister would carve the thing up in secrecy. Mrs Margaret Thatcher's favourite scientist, Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, may yet have to preside over the terminal decline of the industry he has been so influential in building over the years: as the chairman of National Power, his shareholders may simply not rate the nuclear game worth a candle, let alone their equity.

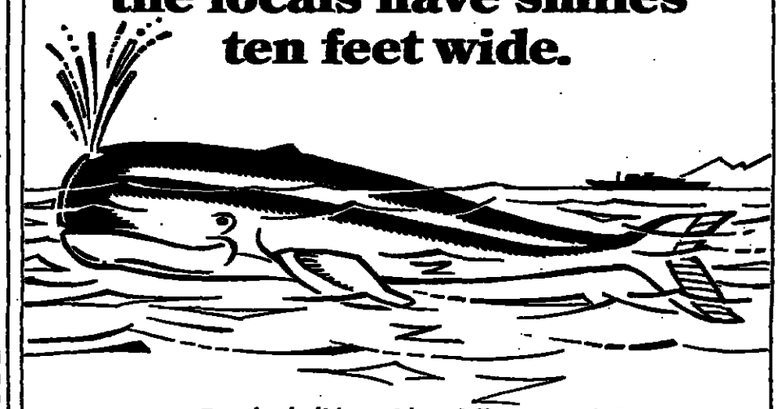
Mr John Collier, the current chairman of the authority, may be down but he is not yet out. "The authority's influence has declined very sharply over the last two decades, yes, but I don't think privatization as such is going to have any greater effect. The authority's advice to government from now will be limited to technical matters, radioactive waste disposal, safety, safeguards, international relationships and things like that", he says.

But because its official role will be much narrower than in the past, Mr Collier sees an opportunity to use the authority's reservoir of knowledge to branch out, to offer technical services outside the nuclear field and to freelance internationally.

"Obviously the authority is the vehicle by which long-term research and development is undertaken and that sits rather uncomfortably with the authority as being a business which is going out there to sell itself to industry", he says. "So we have this dichotomy of roles, acting as advisers to government and at the same time being commercial, and yet in many ways it is biased, and unable to provide 'independent' advice to the Government."

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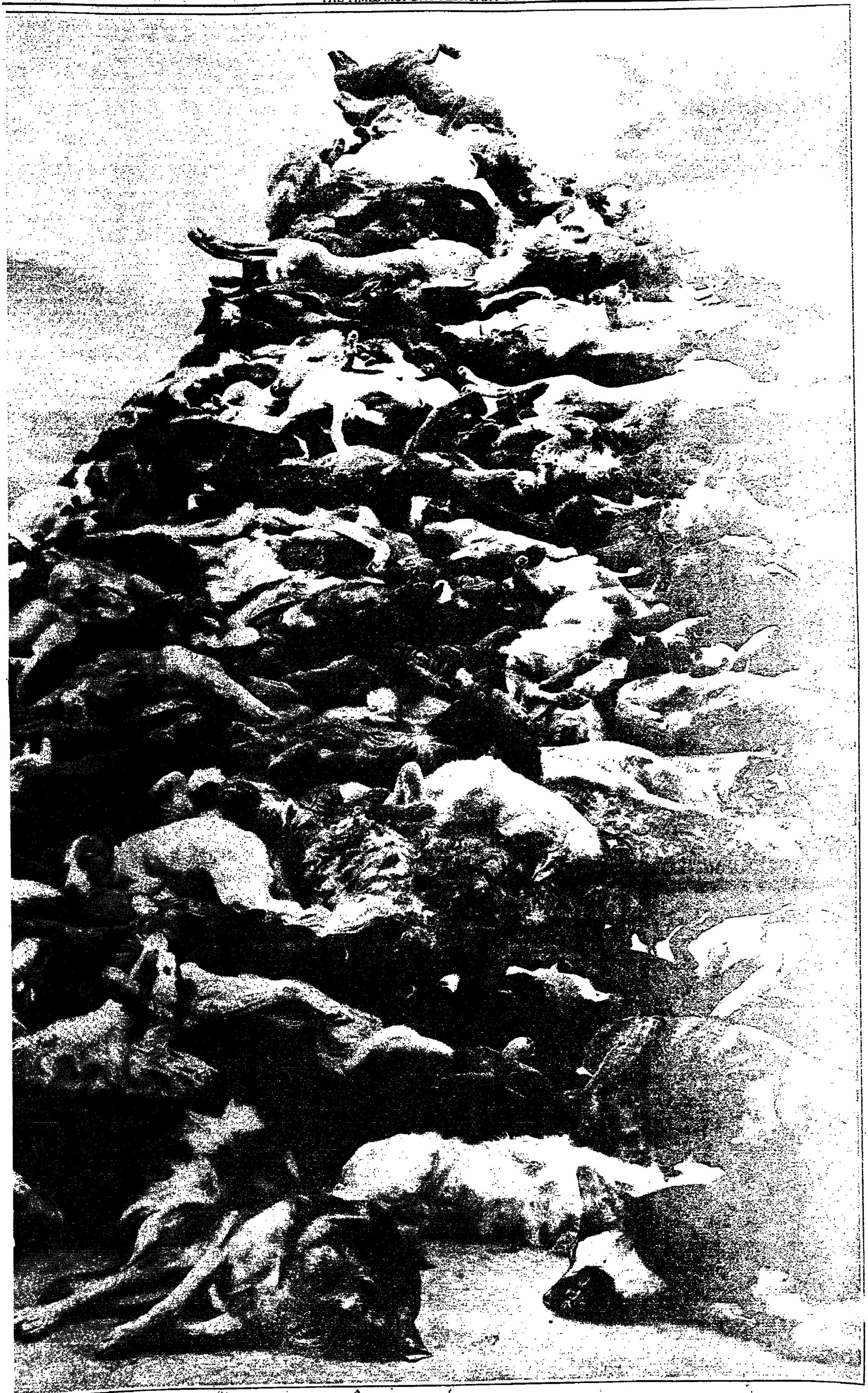
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Poll reveals Tories are losing support among the elderly

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Figures from the latest MORI poll for Times Newspapers and from the Government's General Household Survey indicate that Conservative support is slipping among the elderly, the fastest growing section of the electorate.

At the 1983 and 1887 general elections the Conservative lead among those aged 55 and over was 4 per cent higher than among the population as a whole. That lead halved in polls conducted in the last quarter of 1988 and there has been no recovery in the latest MORI poll in January.

Old people are more worried about crime than the rest of the population. Of the elderly, 36 per cent rate law and order an issue of prime concern, compared with 26 per cent of voters as a whole.

Many more old people – 29 per cent compared with 13 per cent among the general public – rate social security and pensions as a subject of key importance. But they are less concerned than others with the general state of the economy and with inflation.

This may reflect that fewer people work past retirement age. In 1973, 19 per cent of men over 65 and 6 per cent of women were still economically active. In 1986 that dropped to 8 per cent of men and 2 per cent of women and now the figure is only 6 per cent for men and women combined.

Equally important to the Government in calculating its appeal to older voters is that only one pensioner in 10 has a mortgage. Compared with the 23 per cent of the general public, 51 per cent of pensioners own their homes.

A higher proportion of pensioners live in council accommodation – 34 per cent compared with 25 per cent of voters as a whole.

This partly reflects that while middle class ABC1s tend to carry their class attitudes and living standards with them into retirement, many skilled workers in the C2 class have not made provision for private pensions and widows are more likely to fall into the DE category, which covers the unskilled working class and those entirely dependent on state pensions.

The working class is usually equally divided between C2s and DEs. Among pensioners, the division is one third to two thirds. This is correlated with where they live and their political attitudes.

The pensioner group shows slightly less concern with the NHS and hospitals than the population in general, with only 31 per cent rating it the most important issue, compared with 34 per cent.

That is despite the fact that 6% per cent of those aged 65 to 74 and 70 per cent of the over-75s have a long-standing illness and that on average the groups consult their GPs five and eight times a year respectively.

One pensioner in six pensioners was a bospital outpatient during the year surveyed (1985-86 in the General Household survey) and one in eight had been was admitted to hospital.

The survey shows scope for the Government's plan for tax relief on private medical insurance contributions for the elderly – only 4 per cent were members of such schemes.

The findings will set Conservative election strategists thinking: the party's traditional support among older groups may be at risk with old people increasingly worried by crime on the streets.

The Household Survey casts an interesting sidelight on the fact that women tend to live longer than men. Among people aged over 60, 19 per cent of men and 52 per cent of women have never smoked.

MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,914 adults aged 18 and over in 145 constituency sampling points throughout Great Britain.

Interviews were conducted face to face in homes between January 26 and 30, 1989. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

The latest state of the parties shows the Conservatives with an 11-point lead, the margin they enjoyed at the last election and their best showing since last August. The figures were: Conservatives 47 per cent, Labour 36 per cent, Democrats 8 per cent, SDP 5 per cent, others 4 per cent.

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Far retreat from pressing duties

MARK PEPPER



Off duty: Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who chaired his first full meeting of the Press Council last week, taking a stroll with his son George, aged nine, left, and nephew Stephen, aged six, on the west coast of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. The distinguished liberal lawyer, who was recently made a member of the island's court of appeal, has already set up a committee to examine the role and function of the Press Council and is known to favour radical changes to the structure of the watchdog body. Mr Blom-Cooper lists watching and reporting association football among his recreations and hobbies. He used to report soccer regularly for the *Observer* in the late 1950s and early 1960s as well as being the newspaper's legal correspondent. He has supported Arsenal since his grandfather took him to see the team play for the first time in 1934. A prolific author, he also manages to find time for reading, music and broadcasting.

Midlands car firms face action over pay

By Kevin Eason
Motor Industry Correspondent

The Midlands car industry faces a big test this week as more than 12,000 workers in two key companies decide whether to strike over pay.

Workers at Jaguar will vote whether to walk out in a ballot starting tomorrow, and at Peugeot Talbot, a few miles away, shop stewards will meet today to consider the company's offer of £32 a week over two years. Mass meetings have been called for Wednesday night.

Lengthy talks over Jaguar's final offer have broken down leaving the 9,000-strong blue collar workforce in Coventry with a clear choice: accept a deal worth about 4 per cent over two years or take action.

The offer is worth an extra £7.50 a week in pay packets, far short of the £17 the union is demanding.

Union leaders claimed last night that resentment was strong enough in the company's four plants to lead to conflict which would cripple Jaguar's credibility.

Mr John Allen, district secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, claimed that the management had forced the strike ballot by refusing to negotiate further.

If the workers vote for action, unions are likely to order a series of one-day strikes which would cost Jaguar £4 million in lost production and more in customer confidence, he said.

Union leaders at Peugeot Talbot say the 9 per cent deal includes consolidation of bonuses already being paid to the 3,500 workers and they want more to bring wages at Ryton into line with other car firms.

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Breath-testing study criticized

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Home Office, seeking public views on breath-testing, has been criticized for not including a compromise approach allowing for roadside check-points.

It is seeking comment on three options. One leaves the existing law unchanged, with policemen able to administer breath tests only when they have reason to suspect a driver has been drinking.

The second leaves the existing practice unchanged but consolidates two clauses of the Road Traffic Act, 1972, to make the law clearer.

The third gives chief constables unfettered discretion to carry out breath tests in a targeted way, for example on high-risk offenders or at accident black-spots.

However, a private member's Bill, sponsored by Mr John Home Robertson, Labour MP for East Lothian, will be published on Wednesday, proposing that chief constables should have the power to organize random but organized roadside checks on a stream of vehicles, rather than randomly stopping individual drivers.

Mr Robertson said that under this provision, the principle of random testing would be established, without risking possible abuse.

Mrs Jeanne Breen, of Parliament's all-party advisory council for transport safety, said it was unfortunate that in its consultations, the Home Office had not included powers of roadside checking as a specific option. It would create a visible roadside presence, deterring driving under the influence.

London and South-east

M25 Surrey: lane closures and a 50 mph limit between jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey/Staines). Contraflow at jn 11.
M20 Kent: contraflow between jns 11 and 12 (Hythe/A20), with two lanes london-bound and one coastbound.
M4 London: off-peak lane closures in both directions between jns 4 and 5 (Heathrow/Langley).

Midlands and East Anglia

M5 Hereford and Worcester: single-lane traffic northbound with two lanes southbound between jns 4 and 4A (Bromsgrove/M42).
M42 Warwickshire: single-lane traffic northbound at jn 3 (M40) from 9.30am - 4pm daily.
M54 Shropshire: lane closures in both directions between jns 6-7 (Telford/A5).

North

M63 Greater Manchester: two lanes open in both directions between jns 3 and 6 (Barton/A6144) with a 50 mph speed limit.
M62 Greater Manchester: eastbound lane closures between jns 21 and 22 (Milnrow/-Rippondon).
M56 Greater Manchester: Sharston bypass reduced to the hard shoulder only at the M63 jn.
M62 Humberside: contraflow between jns 37 and 38 (A614/A63). Slip roads at jn 37 closed; diversions and 50 mph speed limit.
M180 Humberside: roadworks in both directions between jns 1 and 3 (M18/Scunthorpe). Peak-hour delays.
M53 Merseyside: slip roads closed at the Bidston Moss flyover. Diversions.
M1 West Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 40 and 42 (Wakefield/M62).

Wales and the West

M4 South Glamorgan: outside lane closures in both directions between jns 34 and 35 (Llantrisant/Pen-coed).

Scotland

M74 Strathclyde: outside lane closed in both directions between jns 4 and 5 (Maryville/Harthill).
M8 Strathclyde: westbound access road closed at jn 14 (Glasgow). Diversions via Blochairn Road to join M8 at Proven Road (jn 13).
M8 Strathclyde: lane closures in both directions for barrier replacement at jn 29 (Paisley).
M90 Perthshire: nearside lane closures southbound at jn 1 (Admiralty flyover A90).

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Rejoicing in Lithuania as a cathedral is returned to its people

Mass rang out in Vilnius cathedral, Soviet Lithuania, yesterday for the first time since it was seized 40 years ago and turned into a warehouse. The only foreign guest present, the Rev Michael Bourdeaux, describes the emotional scenes.

After 40 years, Vilnius Cathedral belongs again to the faithful. At noon yesterday a crowd of nearly 3,000 inside, with perhaps 10 times that many outside, greeted Bishop Julijonas Steponavicius in a celebration of church and union, building and heroic man.

The rejoicing was wholehearted, but dignified and restrained, demonstrating the unity of a people and their quiet determination never again to be subjected to the dictates of Soviet atheism.

Confiscated in 1949, and since then successively a store, concert hall and art gallery, Vilnius Cathedral has once again returned to the purpose for which it was built more than 300 years ago. So, too, has Bishop Steponavicius returned, after 28 years of internal exile, to the calling for which he was ordained. They took him away in 1961, a victim of Khrushchev's anti-religious policies, for refusing to instruct priests to discontinue teaching children the catechism, illegal under Soviet law.

Yesterday the children of those children greeted him in their thousands, presented him with flowers and made speeches of welcome. Soviet law has not changed; what is new is the failure to enforce it under *perestroika*.

The bishop was never sentenced, merely exiled to a remote Lithuanian village. Under the law he could have been sentenced to a maximum of five years, but the authorities would not bring him to trial for fear of provoking insurrection.

As he told me yesterday, he read and prayed all those years, but was always able to keep in touch with the faithful. Not a hint of self-pity in public or private clouded the tall dignity, the erect bearing of a natural leader under God among his people, of his presence yesterday.

He had summoned the clergy and people of Lithuania to join in the celebrations with him. It was a personal privilege to be the only foreign guest, although others would have come had visas been more readily granted.

At 11.45 am eight cars moved from the chancery through the quiet streets of Vilnius. As we approached the cathedral, the press of people became thicker and thicker. They waved, but silence rather than overt rejoicing was the keynote: silent respect for a hero of the faith who had preserved their sense of God and nation.

As the bishop's procession formed in the cathedral square, the big crowd, still silent, became alive with waving banners; the old Lithuanian flag, yellow, green and red, was everywhere as television cameras transmitted the scene throughout Lithuania — and continued to roll for the next 3½ hours of reconsecration and High Mass, with the bishop himself delivering the sermon. Then greetings were delivered from every part of Lithuania, from Latvia and other parts of the Soviet Union.

At the head of a long line of emissaries waiting to ascend the altar steps to the bishop, stood Miss Nijole Sadunaite, the focus in the 1970s of thousands of prayers from Britain and elsewhere when she suffered years of degradation in prison for publishing a *samizdat* journal.

Yesterday you could feel her emotion as she spoke — on television, be it noted — in the name of all religious and political prisoners. And not only that. Later, during the formal dinner for the bishops and clergy, there would be distribution of issue No 1 of *Katalikų Pasaulis* (Catholic World), the first Catholic journal in Lithuania for 40 years, in an edition of 10,000 copies. It is now promised fortnightly, the print run to depend on the availability of paper.

Both Miss Sadunaite and Bishop Steponavicius were yesterday living through an experience they must often have felt would never happen this side of the grave. All of which reinforces the belief that no sector of society has benefited more than the Church in the stop-go world of Soviet *perestroika*.

(The Rev Michael Bourdeaux is director of Keston College, a centre for the study of religion in communist states).

Paraguay party dissidents named to new junta

Rodríguez erases memories of Stroessner

From Mac Margolis, Asunción

On orders of the new Paraguayan junta, government workers with buckets of plaster and stepladders spent the weekend patching up bullet-pocked walls of the police and military establishments damaged during the violent coup last Friday that toppled the military strongman, General Alfredo Stroessner.

Posters showing the frowning countenance of the 76-year-old dictator were scraped off walls, bridge pylons, and buildings throughout this capital city, and a giant poster of the fallen ruler was removed from the airport lobby.

The repair work was part of a radical facelift initiated by the regime of the provisional President, General Andrés Rodríguez, the army commander who led the palace coup and has promised a government of "national reconciliation" as well as the restoration of institutional democracy, after more than three decades of authoritarian rule.

General Rodríguez, a career officer and loyal servant during the 34 years of General Stroessner's regime, wasted no time in imprinting his mark on the new government. Sworn in as Provisional President just hours after the surrender of loyalist troops on Friday, the rebel leader speedily named a ruling junta in a Cabinet comprised of dissidents within the official Colorado Party.

He issued an official communiqué announcing that congress would be dissolved in order to call free elections within six months, and he also announced that all "irregular political parties" are to be legalized and the electoral law reformed to allow free and fair campaigning.

Though much of this Cabinet served for years under General Stroessner, many of these so-called "Traditionalists" were relegated to secondary positions in the previous administration. Since August, 1987, the Government was commanded by an all-powerful quartet of Stroessner loyalists headed by the former Interior Minister, Señor Sabino Montanaro.

Señor Montanaro has taken refuge in the diplomatic mission of Honduras, where he has requested political asylum.

The new Cabinet is headed by Señor Juan Ramón Chávez, aged 87, named president of the junta as well as Minister without Portfolio. Señor Chávez is the elder statesman of the Traditionalist wing of the Colorado Party — a faction virtually expelled from power two years ago when backers of General Stroessner physically barred delegates from entering the party convention.

General Rodríguez also named Señor Luis María Argaña Foreign Minister and Vice-President. Señor Argaña was president of the Supreme Court until last year, when he suddenly left his post and began heavily criticizing the Stroessner Government.

Opposition parties have cautiously hailed the Rodríguez administration, applauding the fall of Latin America's longest-ruling dictator but expressing concern over the Government's commitments to human rights and liberties.



Paraguay's provisional President, General Andrés Rodríguez, centre, helping to carry the coffin of Major Miguel Ramos Alfaro, who died in Friday's coup.

"We are content to believe in him for the time being," said Señor Humberto Rubín, director of the popular radio station, Radio Nanduti. "There has to be liberty of the press — if there is no freedom of expression, there is no democracy." Radio Nanduti went off the air in January, 1987, after its signal was repeatedly jammed and reporters harassed by pro-Stroessner groups.

Yesterday, after two years of silence, the radio station returned to the air for a few hours but shut down again due to technical problems. "We are like a 1960 automobile, out of date and rusty," said Señora Gloria Rubín, co-owner with her husband of the radio station.

UK keen to end the Rock dispute

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

As Britain and Spain begin their annual talks on Gibraltar today, evidence is growing that the Government sees a settlement of the dispute as being in Britain's best interests.

Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, is to meet his British counterpart, Sir Geoffrey Howe, tonight and Mrs Thatcher tomorrow.

Both sides seem likely to emphasize the greater warmth in their relationship, rather than the continuing dispute.

No change in the government view is admitted by official sources, and its promise not to hand over sovereignty against the wishes of the Gibraltar people remains firm. But the British are becoming more willing to try to persuade them to opt for gradual change.

At their last round of Brussels Agreement talks in December, 1987, the two sides agreed that Spain should have joint use of Gibraltar airport, subject to approval by the 31,000 Gibraltarians.

Soon afterwards Mr Joe Bossano, a trade union leader, was elected Chief Minister on a platform of rejecting the airport deal.

But Sir Geoffrey has made serious efforts to convince Gibraltarians that it is in their own long-term interests to accept. He argues that Gibraltar's economic future will depend increasingly on financial services, for which it requires a genuinely international airport.

Until it accepts the airport deal, Gibraltar's air links will be limited to a handful of destinations.

But talks between Sir Geoffrey and Mr Bossano in Gibraltar last week produced no sign of a Gibraltarian change of heart.

They continue to see the deal as a dilution of Britain's sovereignty. However, the Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce suggested that a gradual introduction of the airport deal might be acceptable. Sir Geoffrey will discuss it with Señor Fernández Ordóñez, but the Spanish are likely to resist any changes in the deal.

Last week's decision to withdraw much or all of the British battalion from Gibraltar in the early 1990s showed a big change in the Government's assessment of Gibraltar's military value. Foreign Office documents as recently as 1987 gave it much greater importance and observers see this downgrading as a precursor to further efforts to change the Gibraltar view.

British officials are placing much greater emphasis on Spain's importance as a fellow member of Nato, the Western European Union and the EEC, and the message for Gibraltar has become much clearer: the Rock is a serious obstacle to Anglo-Spanish relations.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Bomb attempt on Bandaranaike

Colombo — Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, the leader of the main opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party, escaped an assassination attempt unhurt yesterday when bombs were thrown as she climbed onto a stage at a stage at a general election rally at Hingurakgoda, about 120 miles north-east of Colombo (Vijitha Yapa writes). Thirty three people were injured, first by shrapnel and then as her bodyguards, police and troops fired in the direction of the bomb throwers.

When Mrs Bandaranaike arrived at the rally there was loud cheering and crackers were lit. The attackers chose this moment to throw the bombs. Security men kicked away two bombs, of which one exploded among the crowd. Mrs Bandaranaike's bodyguards pushed her to the floor and she was whisked away, visibly shaken, to address another meeting later at Anuradhapura. Eleven election candidates have been killed in the last four weeks, seven from the SLFP. Security sources believe the extremist Sinhala group, the People's Liberation Front, was responsible.

Solidarity dialogue

Warsaw — Seven years after the Solidarity union was outlawed in the wake of martial law, talks between the authorities and opposition groups begin here today in the hope of restoring its legal status (Richard Bassett writes). The talks, crucial to Poland's future, are expected to build the foundation for a desperately needed transition from a divided, poverty-stricken country to a modern economy.

The meetings are expected to last six weeks and will seek ways of introducing a degree of political liberalization and sweeping economic reforms which will enjoy the support of the majority of Poles.

Hunt for killer shark

Rome — Signor Carlo Gasparri, an expert diver and former world spear-fishing champion, is using a giant "mousetrap" baited with a dead sheep to hunt a 20 ft killer great white shark (Paul Bompard writes). He is also using huge steel fishhooks and live-fish bait chained to anchored buoys in efforts to catch the shark which devoured a scuba diver, Signor Luciano Costanzo, aged 47, off the coast of Tuscany last week. Firemen in a protective cage and police with underwater cameras are also involved in the hunt.

Afrikaners see ANC

Harare — At the end of six-days of amicable debate here, a joint communiqué issued by a dozen senior African National Congress officials and a party of about 30 South African lawyers, mostly Afrikaner academics, declared their mutual satisfaction with the set of constitutional guidelines drawn up by the banned organization for a future South Africa (Jan Raath writes). The guidelines envisage a non-racial South Africa governed by a multi-party state elected by universal franchise, with an independent judiciary overseeing a Bill of Rights.

Pakistan tests missiles

Islamabad (Reuter) — Pakistan has successfully test-fired its first long-range surface-to-surface rockets, General Mirza Aslam Beg, the Army chief, said yesterday. He told officers at the National Defence College at Rawalpindi that two versions of the missiles developed in the country, with a range of 185 miles and 50 miles, were extremely accurate and could carry a payload of more than 1,100lb.

Chile poll nomination

Santiago — Señor Patricio Aylwin, aged 70, a lawyer and veteran of centrist Chilean politics, was elected yesterday as the candidate of the Christian Democratic Party, Chile's largest, in the forthcoming presidential election (Greg San Miguel writes). The nomination makes him the front-runner as the sole opposition representative in the September 4 poll.

Debt crisis in Latin America

Pérez asks for massive loan write-off

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Señor Carlos Andrés Pérez, the new President of Venezuela, has issued a broad warning on debt to the industrialized nations which points out the political difficulties faced by the Group of Seven Nations as they search for a new solution to the seven-year crisis.

At his first press conference, President Pérez called for a massive debt forgiveness programme. He said that the industrialized nations should write-off one half of Latin America's $500 billion (£284 billion) debt to preserve democracy in a region which was threatened by growing poverty and political unrest.

The fear of a big shift to the left in Latin America was the primary reason that the Group agreed to promote debt to the forefront of its policy agenda.

But officials, representing Britain, the United States, France, West Germany, Japan, Italy and Canada, concluded their high-level meeting in Washington last week without achieving consensus on how to proceed. Group ministers were considering much smaller steps than the "debt forgiveness" schemes desired by Latin American governments — and even on these, they could not agree.

French officials advocated a much broader programme of government help, including a fund to guarantee the interest payments of debtors, which the US, Britain and West Germany appeared willing to accept.

Japan has indicated in the past that it was willing to do much more, but its tentative steps in this direction, proposed last year at the Toronto economic summit and later at the Berlin annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, were dismissed sharply by the US and other nations.

President Pérez, in urging the industrialized nations to act, said that he was "convinced that if in the year of 1989 no solution is found, then democracy in Latin America will be greatly threatened."

His warning was more powerful than the threat of a "debtors' cartel" which Latin American nations, at the urging of President Castro of Cuba, had flirted with briefly after the outbreak of the debt crisis in 1982, according to US officials.

The Venezuelan leader is seen as a politician who wants to work within the system,



President Pérez: Warning to West of possible shift to left.

achieving a negotiated programme of guidelines on the central debt relief to dampen the fires of unrest. For this reason, he could become the spokesman with the new Mexican leader, Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari, for the debtors. Señor Pérez learnt the hard way, in his previous term as President from 1974 to 1979, that a programme of advocating nationalized industry, berating the United States, and generally advocating a left-wing programme for the Third World was counter-productive.

He urged President Bush to become the spokesman for the industrialized nations by advocating a new approach to Third World debt which would include an early summit with Latin American debtor nations who call themselves the Group of Eight.

But the programme the US is expected to unveil on February 23, in a report by Mr Nicholas Brady, the Treasury Secretary, is expected to be much smaller in scope.

Although President Bush has ordered a "top to bottom review" of US debt strategy, Mr Brady plans to announce a programme of relaxed tax and regulatory policies designed to make it easier for commercial banks to engage in debt-equity swaps to reduce voluntarily some debt, and ultimately to make new loans.

"It is a series of small steps within the existing framework, not a programme of big new steps," a US official said.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Finance Minister, has pressed hard within the Group of Seven structure for a new approach. West German officials were said to believe that in Argentina, for example, the democratic government of the Radical Party of President Alfonsín would not be re-elected and would be replaced by the populist Peronist party led by Señor Carlos Menem.

But it was unclear whether Herr Stoltenberg and other officials were willing to embrace a programme of the sort advocated by Latin American officials to stop what they see as a trend to the left.

Officials said that they would try to unveil a programme in April, at the spring meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, that would give moderate leaders in Latin America a programme to take to their voters, but one that would not represent a radical shift in Western strategy.

Only time will tell whether this approach will succeed.

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Pentagon wants swift Nato missile decisions

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

As the political debate over nuclear modernization continues in Nato, the US Defence Department is engaged in "high priority" studies to narrow the options for replacing the ground-launched Lance short-range missile and the free-fall nuclear bomb.

The timing of the hardware decisions is intimately related to the political judgements that will have to be made by the alliance.

As the US draws closer to deciding which systems best fit the military requirements laid down by General John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, so Nato governments will be expected to give their political backing.

However it is accepted that the Lance system will no longer be credible as a deterrent in about seven years. So for its replacement to be in service by the mid-1990s, the development work has to push ahead, even though the political will is still wavering.

About $335 million (£192 million) has been requested by the department for the financial years 1990 and 1991. But that figure is based on the defence budget produced in the dying days of the Reagan Administration. In about two weeks President Bush is expected to deliver his overall budget proposals. Only then will the department be able to work out how much money to allocate to the tactical missiles programme, or indeed, whether it will have to cut costs.

A shortlist of options has been drawn up after full consultation with the other 15 members of the alliance. In most cases the emphasis is on saving money by exploiting existing systems.

It will be several years before the selected tactical missile systems move from the design stage to the production line. This is why it will not be necessary for the alliance as a whole to decide on specific hardware and force levels for some time.

But US funding and alliance commitment are inextricably linked. Each year the Defence Department will have to seek approval from Congress for the next stage in development of both the land and air systems. Authorization has to be given by the armed services committees and appropriations committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

So as the missiles begin to take shape and the budgets rise, the congressional committees will want much firmer assurances that the existing systems, which would be treated more favourably for cost reasons.

Washington — The FBI is expected to present the results of its new inquiry into Mr John Tower, the Defence Secretary-designate, to the Senate armed services committee today (Christopher Thomas writes). Claims that he was involved with a Russian ballerina have been denied.

They are:

- A nuclear version of the Army Tactical Missile System, currently being developed as a conventional weapon for the US Army to replace the existing conventionally armed version of the Lance missile. The conventional tactical missile system, launched from the proven multiple-launch rocket system, is about to go into the field for testing with American soldiers. The launcher is a battlefield artillery system developed for the US Army which has also been ordered by Britain, West Germany and The Netherlands for firing high-explosive rockets.
- An upgraded version of the American Patriot missile, using "treaty legal" components from the ground-launched cruise missiles banned under the INF Treaty.
- An improved Lance. This option seems most unlikely since Lance has already been upgraded "as far as it can go". A Pentagon source said: "It would be very expensive to try to extend its life any further."
- The French Hades missile. This is a ballistic missile developed to replace the French Pluton tactical surface-to-surface weapon. Flight trials began last year and it is reputed to have a range of up to 300 miles — just below the INF limit.
- A new missile to be designed "from scratch".

Pentagon sources said that a "request for information" had gone out to industry to see what ideas could be generated. This would be followed by a Defence Department request for specific proposals to meet General Galvin's requirements. He would be looking for a missile with a range at least triple that of the 70-mile-range Lance.

The sources said the timing of the missile programme would depend very much on which system was selected. If it was a new missile, it could take up to seven years to be designed and built. However, whichever missile is chosen, the launcher vehicle will be the multiple-launch rocket system. As one source pointed out, since some Nato members were already buying the system for their artillery units in West Germany, they would have to buy more to take on the tactical nuclear role.

At this stage the preferred missile is a nuclear version of the Army Tactical Missile System. It is currently restricted to a conventional role by Congress, although the Defence Department has requested removal of the nuclear prohibition. If Congress agrees, a nuclear version offering a range of about 300 miles could be designed within two years.

The decision on the nuclear free-fall bomb replacement is less complicated. The department has already decided that the tactical air-to-surface missile should be a modified version of the short-range attack missile SRAM II, now being developed by Boeing for the American B1B and B2 strategic bombers.

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Shevardnadze prolongs Pakistan visit as Afghan Army prepares to stand alone

Moscow may try to strike bargain with Mujahidin

From Anatol Lieven, Islamabad

In a last-ditch attempt to reach a settlement of the Afghan civil war, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, has prolonged his visit to Pakistan by a day. Last night observers were predicting he would meet leaders of the Mujahidin.

Yesterday two of these, Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar of the radical Hezb-i Islami party, and Pir Ahmad Gailani of the moderate National Islamic Front of Afghanistan (Nifa), were in Islamabad, and the current leader of the seven-party resistance alliance, Professor Sibghatullah Mujaddidi, was expected back from Tehran, where he has been holding talks with leaders of the Iran-based Shia resistance parties in an attempt to gain their participation in the party-appointed shura, or consultative council, to meet on Friday in Rawalpindi.

Some forces here suggest he was also in contact there with Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet Afghan envoy, to prepare the way for the meeting with Mr Shevardnadze. Mr Vorontsov has been in Tehran for talks with Iranian leaders and Shia parties.

Speaking in Tehran on Saturday, Mr Vorontsov said that the Soviet Union will have withdrawn all its troops from Afghanistan in four days' time, a week before the final withdrawal date of February 15. Around 1,000 Soviet troops still remain in Kabul, mostly at the airport.

Mr Shevardnadze's decision to prolong his stay is being seen as a sign of some progress. Pakistani and Soviet diplomats, and Mujahidin leaders were, however, saying nothing yesterday, while Mujahidin officials and commanders seemed genuinely bewildered as to what new offer Mr Shevardnadze may have to make.

Analysts here think that to gain Mujahidin acceptance, this would, at the very least, have to involve the removal of President Najibullah and the winding up of the communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

One widely believed theory is that Mr Shevardnadze has brought with him a list of names of second-rank figures from the Kabul regime — including some from the PDPA — for inclusion in the Mujahidin shura. Mujahidin leaders have announced that they have selected up to 60 "good Muslims" from Kabul for the shura. These are believed to include regime members, though not PDPA members.

Some Mujahidin officials yesterday were willing to concede the possibility that the Mujahidin might bargain with Mr Shevardnadze over names, but others ruled this out.

Mr Shevardnadze's arrival has to some extent wrong-footed the Mujahidin. They had been making all their plans in the expectation that the Soviet withdrawal would be completed on February 15; hence the date of the shura, which was meant to confirm an alternative government in office before the pull out.

At the moment, there remains considerable confusion even among senior Mujahidin commanders as to the structure, composition, and role of the Shura. Some are hoping that it will be able to escape party control and establish itself as a genuine temporary parliament. Others think that, as Mr Hekmatyar for example has suggested, it will meet only to confirm a government proposed by the alliance leadership, and will then immediately dissolve.

Speaking in Peshawar yesterday, a senior Mujahidin commander said: "We want this shura to give results, but we are far from certain that it will. Because of that, we commanders are ourselves looking for a solution. Our people expect this of us."

One of his colleagues said that the entire process of the leadership calling the shura and forming a government was like "trying to build a roof before the foundation". He spoke of the necessity of building up provincial administrations on the basis of existing commanders' Shuras.

● KABUL: President Najibullah roared defiance at his enemies yesterday, exhorting several thousand party workers to defend his Government against anti-communist rebels now that Soviet troops were leaving Afghanistan (Reuter reports).

"God is with us, the people are with us, we cannot lose the war," he told the rally in Kabul, as the crowd brandished thousands of unloaded Kalashnikovs in the air. Eyewitnesses said the entire crowd was body-searched and their guns and magazines emptied by security men before they were allowed to approach the rally.

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Mr Shevardnadze, left, talking with Mr Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, Pakistani Foreign Minister, about Afghanistan.



Members of the Afghan women's militia guarding a government rally in Kabul yesterday.

May date for historic Sino-Soviet summit

From Catherine Sampson
Peking

President Gorbachov will visit Peking between May 15 and 18 to meet China's senior leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, in what will be the first Sino-Soviet summit in 30 years.

The announcement puts an end to speculation that problems had arisen during the visit here of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, which had ended with apparently contradictory statements from both sides.

The Chinese had appeared to place a question mark over the success of the visit by suggesting that there was a long way yet to go before a Sino-Soviet summit could be held. This came soon after Mr Shevardnadze had given an optimistic pre-departure press conference here and announced that the summit would be held in mid-May.

Putting an end to months of expectation, Mr Shevardnadze said he had agreed the summit date with Mr Deng, during their meeting on Saturday morning in Shanghai.

In a statement at Peking airport just after the Soviet Foreign Minister had taken off, however, Mr Tian Zengpei, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, said mid-May was just a Soviet proposal which still had to be discussed.

At one point he seemed to throw doubt on the holding of a summit at all, using the words "if there is a summit".

Something seemed to have gone wrong in the talks, which would account for sightseeing visits being cancelled and the two-hour delay before Mr Shevardnadze's press conference on Saturday.

Peru blow to urban guerrillas

Lima (Reuter) — One of Peru's top urban guerrilla leaders was being questioned by police at the weekend after his arrest in a hotel. President Alan Garcia described his arrest as a decisive blow against subversion.

Victor Polay Campos, is the leader of the Tupac Amaru, Peru's second-largest guerrilla movement.

Swiss smog

Geneva — The Swiss authorities have requested that private cars be used "only in case of serious necessity" in the Lake Geneva area, which has been blanketed by smog for the past three weeks.

Crash award

Seattle (AP) — A King County Superior Court jury has ordered the Boeing Corporation to pay $1.5 million (£857,000) in damages to the family of an Italian man, Giancarlo Moroni, and his son who were among the 520 people who died in the 1985 crash of a Boeing 747 in Japan.

Premier better

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — Malaysia's Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, who underwent heart surgery on January 24, has been discharged from hospital at the weekend.

Year of prayer

Seoul (Reuter) — Former President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea, now living in disgrace, is to mark the Year of the Snake by kneeling in prayer for 100 days.

Israel alarmed at waning US sympathy

From Richard Owen
Jerusalem

Israel launched a diplomatic campaign at the weekend to counteract what one senior official called "serious erosion of support for Israel in the United States".

There are fears here that, because of the 14-month *intifada* in the occupied territories, the country's image has suffered to the point where the US Congress could trim $3 billion (£1.7 billion) worth of aid to its traditional Middle East ally.

The prospect causes tremors of anxiety in Israel. "The world sees only our soldiers firing plastic bullets at Arabs, not what the Arabs have done to provoke it. But television is all-powerful," one Israeli complained.

Palestinians, on the other hand, say America is getting a true picture of Israeli attitudes to Arab aspirations and that even the US Jewish lobby is unhappy with Israeli "repressions".

A test of US-Israeli ties will come this week when the US State Department issues its annual report on human rights violations around the world. The report is expected to include Israeli measures to crack down on the *intifada*.

The Israeli counter-attack suggests that it is Palestinian parents in the West Bank and Gaza who are violating human rights by putting children and teenagers "in the front line". But the tensions between Jerusalem and Washington go deeper.

When Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Foreign Minister, took office at the end of 1988, he said he was dismayed at the US decision to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization, adding that restoring US-Israeli relations was a top priority.

More recently, Mr Arens expressed Israel's disbelief that America was still talking to the PLO, even though Mr Yassir Arafat, its chairman, had "violated his renunciation of terror

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Israeli soldiers killed five guerrillas in an overnight clash in Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon, the Army said yesterday. There were no Israeli casualties in the clash which occurred north-west of Hasbaya, an army spokesman reported.

ism" by threatening to pump bullets into any Palestinian Arab who dared to call a halt to the uprising.

One Israeli suspicion is that Washington, having begun a dialogue with the PLO, will put pressure on Israel to respond by making concessions to get the peace process moving.

The PLO-US dialogue began under Mr Reagan, but Mr Bush is seen as more pro-Arab in his views than his predecessor. Israeli commentators were quick to note that Mr Bush's arrival in the White House was seen in the Arab world as "Israel's loss and the Arabs' gain".

US opinion polls are beginning to show that, although many Americans acknowledge the difficulties Israel faces in ending stone-throwing and fire-bombing, some of it aimed at civilians, there is a discernible rise in US sympathy for the plight of the Palestinians.

Professor Fouad Moghrabi, of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee — a pressure group intended to counter Jewish influence in the US — notes in a recent report that "significant shifts have taken place in American public perception of the Palestinian people, the PLO and the US role in the region".

Polls conducted by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith reflect concern among American Jews over Israel's handling of Arab protest. In a recent speech in Jerusalem, Dr Dov Zakheim, a former American defence official, said US-Israeli relations were becoming "deeper and more sophisticated", and it was no longer enough for Israel to "press the Congress for a few more dollars or to stop sending arms to the Arabs".

Mr Bush's Chief of Staff, Mr John Sununu, is of Lebanese origin and said to be sympathetic to the Arab-American lobby, while Mr John Tower, the US Defence Secretary-designate, favours a strong American relationship with the Arab world, including arms sales.

The Arab-American argument is that Palestinians, just like the Jews, have a diaspora and should have the "right of return to Palestine".

Mr Shamir continues to assert that the PLO has not ceased to be terrorist, that its diplomatic success is the result of public relations, and that the Arab aim remains to "throw the Jews into the sea".

On taking office in Washington, Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, gladdened Israeli hearts by affirming the Bush Administration's opposition to an independent Palestinian state.

But Mr Baker also said the "spilling of blood" in the occupied terrorities must end, and Israel must withdraw from most, if not all, of the territory conquered in 1967.

In his latest remarks on a peace settlement, Mr Shamir has suggested a two-stage process involving free elections on the West Bank and Palestinian autonomy, as allowed for in the Camp David Accords of 1978.

His visit to Washington in March, currently the subject of intense diplomatic negotiation between the two countries, will show whether he is prepared to go further — and whether the United States intends to put pressure on the Israeli leader to do so.

Avant-garde art in Peking goes a shot too far

From Catherine Sampson
Peking

Policemen armed with sub-machineguns yesterday closed down China's first exhibition of avant-garde works in an over-reaction to an unusual display of "performance" art.

When a young artist, Xiao Lu, produced an air pistol, shot at a mirror hanging innocently on the wall of the central art gallery, turned heel and fled, she was pursued and arrested by police. Her companion was also arrested.

There was a strong police presence at the exhibition, which opened yesterday, after rumours that something unusual would take place. Officials had imposed a ban on unusual forms of art, and the artists involved felt that the police were looking for an excuse to close the daring exhibition. Shortly after the shooting, heavily armed reinforcements arrived and immediately cleared the three-storey building of spectators.

Organizers of the exhibition are negotiating the reopening of the show. It was first proposed two years ago, but the opening was delayed for political reasons.

Art has been kept under the watchful eye of the party since the Communist takeover in 1949, with leaders wary of art introducing bourgeois or other dangerous concepts. Much of the art on display yesterday seemed concerned with nihilism.

The mirror which was shot artistically was hanging between two telephone booths, and the whole constituted an artistic arrangement designed by a friend of Ms Xiao. Her friend said Ms Xiao's act was one of nihilism.

It was one of the least bizarre of the exhibits, which also included pictures of a coffin dedicated to artists who had lost their lives because of their work, a breast above a phallus, a Surrealist representation of Chairman Mao, a man throwing condoms on the floor and another rolling around on raw eggs.

Political reform in Algeria

Chadli calls halt to one-party system

Algiers (Reuter) — Algeria yesterday unveiled a set of political reforms to open the way to a multi-party system and end the country's commitment to socialism.

The reforms, promised after riots swept the country last October, allow independent political associations, remove all references to socialism from the Constitution, and guarantee the right to strike.

Algerians will vote to approve the reforms and end the monopoly on power enjoyed by the ruling National Liberation Front since independence from France in 1962, in a referendum on February 23. The changes are in 23 pages of draft constitutional amendments.

In sharp contrast to the previous Constitution, the Liberation Front is now mentioned only in the preamble, which recalls its "historic role" in creating a modern, sovereign state.

All political overtones have been stripped from the Constitution, most notably the clause stressing the country's "irreversible commitment to socialism". Islam remains the state religion.

The new Constitution says that "the right to create associations of a political nature is recognized" if they are not against the state's interests. Previously, only political organizations linked to the Liberation Front were allowed.

One political analyst said: "They have created the space for a multi-party system. In fact, this — coupled with the right to have independent candidates — almost takes them there." The right of non-members of the Liberation Front to stand in elections has been granted and a new electoral law will soon be published.

The new Constitution guarantees individual liberty and freedom of expression and opinion, and extends the right to strike to public instead of merely private-sector workers as was previously the case.

President Chadli promised greater democracy last year in a move which helped to end a week of countrywide riots. The disturbances were provoked by government austerity measures but became an attack on the Liberation Front's mismanagement and corruption.

A first batch of reforms made the Government answerable to the National Assembly and reduced the role of the Liberation Front.

Under the changes published yesterday, the President will be elected by universal suffrage and the Constitution will place no limit on the number of times his mandate can be renewed. The draft avoids all reference to the President as leader of the Liberation Front.

● PARIS: President Chadli is expected in neighbouring Morocco today for a three-day visit as the guest of King Hassan, his first since he came to power 10 years ago (Susan MacDonald writes).

The visit is seen as showing the urgent need both heads of state feel to mend fences and prepare for an uncertain future in their explosive countries.

Protocol comes before need to question Waldheim on deaths

By Robert Fisk

The British Government's long-awaited report on the possible connection between President Waldheim of Austria and the deaths of British commandos and Special Operations Executive (SOE) agents in the Balkans during the Second World War has been seriously delayed and the Ministry of Defence now says that it has no date for its scheduled completion.

The ministry has also confirmed that its investigators have made no attempt to speak to Dr Waldheim himself and have no plans to question him in the future about the fate of the British servicemen who were interrogated by his German Army intelligence unit in 1944 before they died.

Diplomatic protocol has thus taken precedence over what was intended to be a murder inquiry. Dr Waldheim's memory may be imperfect when it comes to this unsettling period of his wartime career, but he remains the author of many of the intelligence reports of German Army Group E, one of which, above his initial, mentions by name a young British officer who was later handed over to the SS for execution.

While making no official comment on the matter, the Government apparently believes it would be undiplomatic to question the elected head of a friendly country about the deaths of wartime



Dr Waldheim: May have helped allied intelligence after the war.

British commandos — even though members of the International Commission of Historians raised the issue with the Austrian leader last year.

Professor Sir Harold Hinsley, the Master of St John's College, Cambridge, who was asked to scrutinize the results of the ministry review, has still not seen a draft of the investigations which have occupied three researchers at the ministry for almost a year. Mr Greville Janner, the Labour MP who has repeatedly questioned Dr Waldheim's wartime role, says he fears that much of the evidence will not be made public because of possible post-war links between the former *Wehrmacht oberleutnant* and allied intelligence.

Mrs Thatcher told the House of Commons in February last year that the Government would investigate the deaths of British commandos who were captured by the Germans while on a reconnaissance mission in the Aegean. The men died after being interrogated by Dr Waldheim's wartime intelligence unit near Salonika.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, Dr Waldheim's initials were found on a 1943 German interrogation report on Captain Allen Warren, a young officer in the British Special Operations Executive, who also died after being captured in uniform while helping allied prisoners escape from Greece.

Officially, the Waldheim report will still be presented to Parliament after Sir Harold Hinsley, who helped break German military codes at Bletchley Park during the war and is an academic historian on wartime British intelligence, has assessed the contents. Sir Harold, who is known to have expressed his own concern to the Ministry of Defence at the delay, refuses to say more than that he is "certain" that the report will be published.

Mr Robert Rhodes James, the Conservative MP and historian who originally demanded the government inquiry — and who worked under Dr Waldheim when the latter was Secretary General of the United Nations — said on Thursday that the Ministry of Defence team had "found more evidence and documents than they expected" and that he had been told publication was "imminent". The researchers are led by Miss Alex Ward, a civil servant, and include Mr John Harding who is a military historian in the ministry.

Repeated inquiries to the Government over the past six months, however, have failed to elicit the reasons for the delay. Last summer, the Ministry of Defence told *The Times* that the report would probably be completed in the autumn. Asked in October why it was not finished, a ministry spokeswoman suggested that it might be ready in November.

When I asked the same spokeswoman this week why the report had still not been completed, she replied that "the present position is that we are waiting for the Greek Government to permit us to have a look at the Greek archives without which we might miss something". In fact, the ministry received permission last year to search through the archives and the British inquiry team actually travelled to Athens last October.

When this was pointed out to the ministry spokeswoman, she said that the information she had given had been supplied to her last September. She then gave another reply. "Officials did visit Greece," she said. "Inquires are continuing in various places, including Greece. But basically, work presses ahead with as much speed as accuracy will allow. There's never been any date for when it's going to be finished — so I haven't got a date at all." The Ministry of Defence would not identify the "various places" in which it was also pursuing its inquires about Dr Waldheim and refused a request by *The Times* to talk to the ministry researchers.

Mrs Thatcher's decision to open the investigation followed the discovery that vital documents on the deaths of British commandos in Greece, which might have connected Dr Waldheim to their interrogation, had been destroyed by the British Government ten years ago. Research by *The Times* in the Public Record Office at Kew last year showed that numerous War Office documents on the allied interrogation of German officers about the deaths of British prisoners had been "retained" by the Ministry of Defence, in some cases until the year 2021.

Historians subsequently suggested that Dr Waldheim helped allied intelligence after the war and that the allies may have returned the favour by deliberately suppressing documents relating to Dr Waldheim's tasks as an intelligence officer in German



Professor Hinsley: Certain that the report will be published.

Army Group "E" in Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania. The CIA has confirmed that it holds a file on Dr Waldheim, but refuses to disclose the contents. A page from this file, which has been seen by *The Times*, appears to be part of a British Army interrogation report of a German prisoner in Italy in 1945.

"I trust the Government will give the full evidence to the public about Dr Waldheim's possible involvement in the deaths of our commandos and other operatives," Mr Janner said. "But I have a nasty gut feeling that the normal paranoia will set in and that much of the evidence will be concealed from the public on the grounds of alleged military intelligence importance. After 43 years, this would be total nonsense. We are entitled to know what work Waldheim did during his German Army service and, in so far as it is relevant, what he did afterwards ... if the report gives any indication of a cover-up by referring to documents or sources which are to be hidden, it would not be regarded as satisfactory."

The Ministry of Defence's decision to search through Greek archives has itself been the subject of some comment. Colonel Christopher "Monty" Woodhouse, the former Conservative MP and Greek historian who was Captain Allen Warren's SOE commanding officer in Greece, said that he felt sure that "if there were anything bearing on Waldheim in the Greek archives, it would have been discovered by now".

A source close to the Ministry of Defence team also admitted that the visit to Greece was "perfectly pointless", but said the Government was anxious that the final report should be definitive. "The ministry people want to leave no stone unturned, no archive unlooked at," the source said. "If they had not gone to Greece ... someone would have asked, 'Have you been to Greece?' and then there might be a suspicion that they had not done the job properly."

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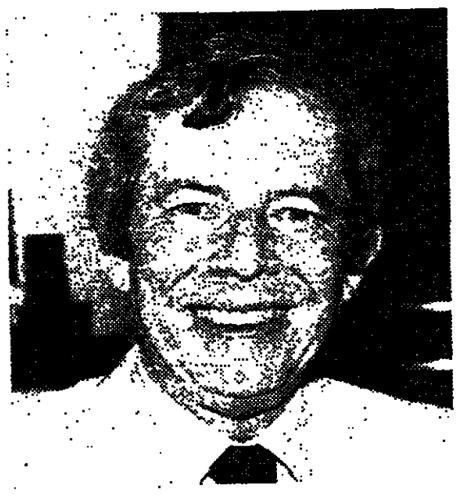
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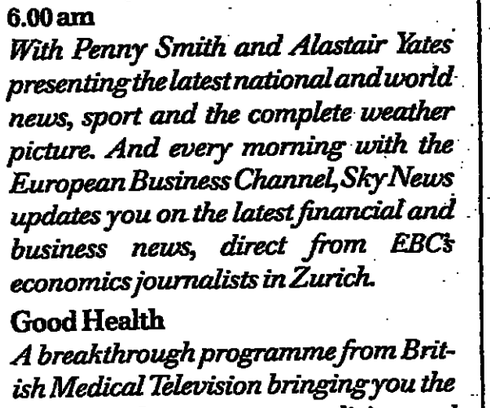
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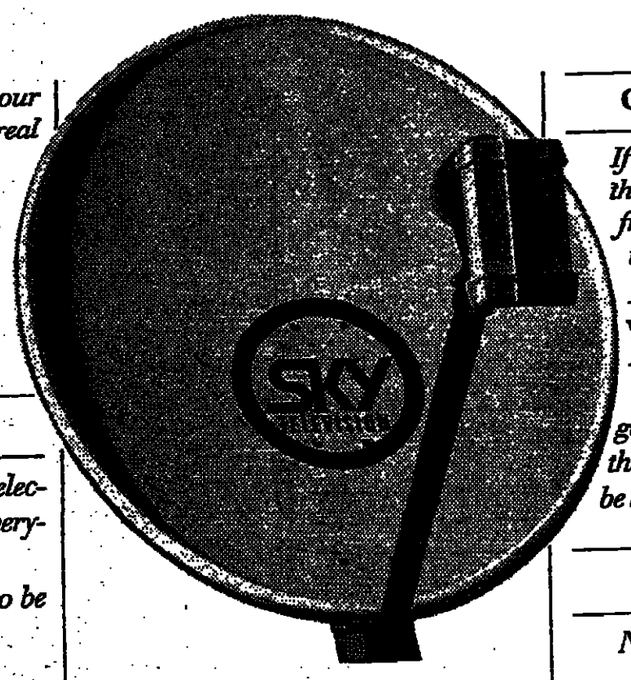
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A passport to treasure

The Museums Year Passport Scheme offers *Times* readers a huge range of concessions at 750 museums and galleries in Britain. Simon Tait explains its benefits

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All dressed up: "The Passport scheme is a great idea," says Hilary McGowan, curator of Rougemont House museum, Exeter

You will make it clear, won't you, that the Passport Scheme is for the little museums as well as the big ones?" said the curator of a delightful but tiny museum on the Kent coast. "In our own way we've got as much to offer."

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The Museums Year Passport Scheme offers two things: a simple card, like a credit card, which entitles the holder to any concessions, and a 240-page guide to museums and galleries, detailing special offers, particular collections and exhibitions, opening times, car parking and facilities for the handicapped. The guide, which is divided into regions, also tells precisely where each museum and gallery is with the help of a full colour map.

The scheme has been devised and organized jointly by the Museums Association, which is co-ordinating a range of special events in its centenary year, and *The Times*.

Offers during the year will include free posters and guidebooks, admission concessions and discounts in museum shops. Forbidden doors are being flung open to Passport holders curious about what goes on behind the scenes.

"The scheme is a great idea," says Hilary McGowan, curator of Rougemont House museum in Exeter, which was revitalized 18 months ago, 70 years after its first opening. "It will encourage more visitors, particularly, we hope, local people to whom these collections belong."

Rougemont House, where admission is usually £1.70 for adults, is offering Passport holders free admission to see its new displays. "In its previous guise it had been a very run-down Georgian house with displays on archaeology and local history, to which three men and a dog came in a year," McGowan says.

It reopened as a costume museum, the rooms each representing a different period. In its first full year it had 21,000 visitors, 10 times its previous annual total.

Rougemont House is an example of the new spirit museums are adopting through the Passport Scheme to make the most of themselves. Special beneficiaries of the scheme are intended to be children. The Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood in east London will give each first-time visitor a free giant chocolate coin. The Priory School Children's Museum in Reigate, Surrey, has organized a Summer Costume Parade. And the Woodbridge Museum of Childhood in Suffolk will admit Passport-holding youngsters free, especially to see the museum's staff dressed in 1930s costume this summer in a demonstration of farm and household tasks of the period.

Many museums are inviting Passport holders behind the scenes. They include Brent Grange Museum of Community History in London — the only museum in the middle of a traffic island — which has special Sunday morning openings, and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, which has arranged evening tours to meet the staff.

Museums are becoming more aware of their marketing potential, and some offers reflect this. Telecom Technology Showcase in the City of London is launching its new shop with a special Museums Year postcard and a free poster for Passport holders, and the Natural History Museum will be offering a free model dinosaur. The Royal College of Art, South Kensington, has also reserved 30 tickets for Passport holders for its prestige degree fashion show in the summer.

The delightfully pastoral Saffron Walden Museum in Essex will be offering you saffron crocus bulbs for half price, and Horsham Museum in Sussex has a free packet of seeds from its own garden. Caudwell's *Mill at Matlock*, Derbyshire, is offering its wholemeal flour at mill prices, and Bewdley Museum in Worcestershire, a small industrial museum, is giving away home-made clay pipes, fresh from the oven.

The Royal Academy, Piccadilly, is selling a portfolio of reproductions from its Italian Art in the 20th Century exhibition at a special Passport price, and has arranged free tickets to a private evening exhibition.

Admission to private views is a privilege which a number of the Passport Scheme participants are extending: Slough Museum in Berkshire is also opening a new permanent gallery on the town's history; Chard District Museum, Somerset, is celebrating its reopening in spring with a sherry party; the new Valley Heritage Centre at Hednesford, Staffordshire, invites Passport holders to its Gala Day opening; and Moyse's Hall Museum at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, is organizing a special opening of its exhibition Treasures Today, Heirlooms Tomorrow.

The Whitworth Gallery in Manchester is arranging a private viewing of its exhibition, The Last Hundred Years; and Oldham Art Gallery invites Passport holders to dress up in style for the private view of its exhibition, The Wedding over 150 Years.

Others have special shows about what museums do. Chelmsford Museum's special exhibition, for instance, is called Perfection and Pitfalls, and looks at how to care for museum objects, with free entry for Passport holders. Derby Museum is mounting a special Museums Year exhibition looking at the town 100 years ago, and admission is free for scheme members.

Sustaining the museums visitor is in the minds of other curators: Harrow Museum has a free glass of wine for Passport holders at the monthly lunchtime jazz sessions; Weston-super-Mare Heritage Centre has a free cup of coffee waiting, while Weaver's Triangle Visitors' Centre at Burley offers tea and biscuits in its Victorian parlour.

At Lyme Park, Stockport, with its 16th-century house, you can have the full English afternoon tea — if you know the password, which is, of course, in the Passport Guide; at Wigan Pier there is a free glass of wine with lunch, and Beamish Museum, Co Durham, offers a glass of sherry at its Quilting Weekend, which you could combine with a free tour of the Drift Mine and free tram rides.

Cogges Manor Farm, Oxfordshire, has a brand new permanent exhibition opening in two 18th-century barns, with a special family rate for the whole museum; the Fleet Air Arm Museum has a new permanent gallery on aviation between the wars opening to mark Museums Year, and free admission to special exhibitions for Passport holders.

Catalyst, our first chemical museum, opens at Widnes and invites you to its Passport Musems Year competition, and if raffles are to your liking, Sipley Art Gallery at Gateshead puts Passport holders into their raffle free — with the chance of winning new craft pottery worth £100.

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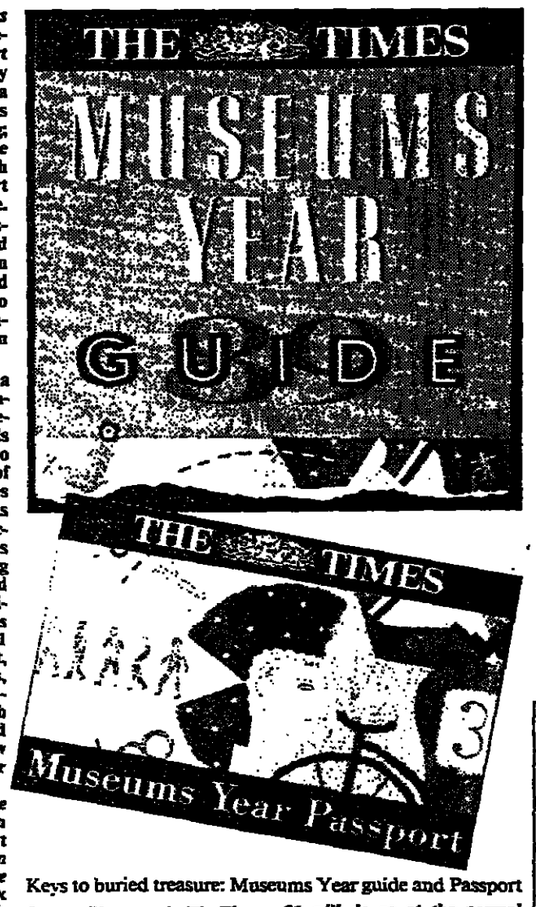
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Say hallo to the Snake

With the turmoil accompanying the unpredictable Dragon behind them, the Chinese are looking forward to a more peaceful year

Ten years ago, when I discovered that the Chinese celebrated a new year which was different from the one in the West, it was their Year of the Horse. The event went largely unnoticed except for a short piece in the Atticus column of *The Sunday Times*.

But today, as the Year of the Snake begins to exert its influence, those who do not know it is Chinese new year are in the minority. In every city with a Chinese community, the great parade of the dragon, the fireworks and special music and food are major features of the week ahead. Ten years ago there were roughly 60 non-Chinese at the celebrations in Soho. Last year there were 100,000.

Yet, in spite of the increase in awareness of the Chinese new year, there are still people who have little idea of what it brings, or how we are affected by the transition. And there are those who remain cynical that there can be a measured change. However, the broad and sometimes startlingly colourful phrases the Chinese use to flesh out their predictions are right more than they are wrong.



Comparing the now-passed Year of the Dragon with the Snake year illustrates how accurate Chinese horoscopes can be. This is perhaps less surprising when you realize that the science, which takes the gravitational influence of the moon as its starting point, predates western culture by 1,000 years.

For the Chinese, the Dragon year is the high point of the 12-year cycle. There are 12 moons to a year, 12 years to a full cycle and, consequently, 12 signs — of which the Dragon is revered above all. The Dragon is the Chinese national symbol.

The Dragon is a creature of impulse, and people born in a Dragon year are usually hot-heads, perfectionists who are larger than life — for example, Esther Rantzen, one of a whole crop of world-dominating carnival leaders born in the Dragon year of 1940. Others who share Rantzen's carnival leadership and birth year are Geoff Boycott, Jeffrey Archer, John Lennon, Zandra Rhodes and Cliff Richard.

The Dragon year has unpredictability as its central theme. The Chinese say that as a result of the fireworks, symbolic flames that accompany the Dragon's birth and death — the Dragon is ceremonially burned at the end of each year — unpredictability frequently takes the form of major disasters. They add that these are often fire-based, and usually happen at the beginning and end of a Dragon year.

In 1928, Corinth was destroyed by an earthquake, and 1976 was also a bad year for earthquakes. Within days of the last Chinese new year, on February 17, huge earth slides killed thousands in Brazil.

Throughout 1988 the earth seemed to play a central role in disasters. In Asia, the floods were a direct result of deforestation, which caused the soil to be swept away in heavy rains. Both major Soviet disasters were created by the earth. (There are four elements for each sign: fire, metal, water and earth. Last year it was the turn of the earth Dragon.)

Another prediction the Chinese make about the Dragon year is that it will see the death of a great statesman or king in the first or last weeks. It was true in February 1952, when George VI died. It was also true in the last month of the last Dragon year, when Emperor Hirohito died. Salvador Dali, who died a week later, was a Dragon.

Given that there is plenty of mess to clear up after the Dragon's wild party, the Snake's style is to preside over a peaceful and orderly planet, with the emphasis on beauty and wisdom.

Because the Snake is perhaps the most bewitchingly feminine sign, women will make their mark more assuredly in a Snake year. This was the case in December 1941, when for the first time in modern British history women were called up to help fight a war. In 1965, women were seen more of — or at least parts of them were seen as never before; it was the year of the mini-skirt. In October 1977, two Ulster women, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Peace is central to a Snake's psychic health, and those who enjoy compatibility with this attribute of the Snake are almost certain to enjoy a profitable year.

Those born in the Year of the Goat are highly compatible with Snakes. This spells good news for world peace, since Mikhail Gorbachov was born in a Goat year (1931).

To summarize, the Snake's year is long on intuition and short on snappy decisions paying off. The advice of the Chinese, which runs against the grain, is: be bewitched but do not gamble on anything.

Barry Fantoni

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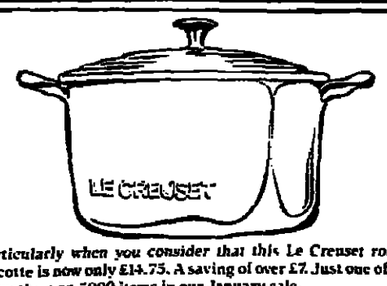
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Poverty's advocate

Aberdeen solicitor Frank Lefevre already takes cases on a "no win, no fee" basis. But now he faces a test case to outlaw his American-style business

BRIAN JAMES MEETS A LAWYER WITH A MISSION

When the ambulance charged past in the street outside, its klaxon sounding, Frank Lefevre did not so much as quiver, much less start out for the door. Which seemed to answer, at least figuratively, one of the charges aimed at him since he first began to upset the legal Establishment.

Lefevre is the 54-year-old Aberdeen solicitor who, for nine months, has been brazenly doing what one of the recent Green Papers on Britain's legal system suggested all lawyers may care to contemplate in some distant future: take cases on a contingency "no win, no fee" basis.

"Ambulance-chaser?" said Lefevre. "Yes, that's one of the things I have been called. Let's think through what they mean. That I go out, fast on my feet, for business? I do, and in 30 years in practice I haven't met a good lawyer who doesn't . . ."

Lefevre shook his head. This was too soft a comparison to put to flight images of American lawyers who send touts to haunt casualty wards with their visiting cards: "Let me tell you of real ambulance-chasing. Within three days of the Piper Alpha disaster a gang of Houston lawyers had flown to Aberdeen and placed a large advert in local papers. Pretty disgusting.

"But three days later our own law society placed *its* advert. And three days after that the unions took space to recommend their own legal men. I waited until after the funerals . . . then advertised simply that if there was anyone still wanting advice, and who didn't understand lawyer-speak . . ."

But the risks of professional martyrdom have not been eased by one Green Paper's *conditional endorsement* of contingency fees, for the Scottish Law Society — even though it began from a much more lenient base on fees tied *to performance than its* counterpart in England and Wales — still intends to pursue him to a civil law test case.

It is not suggested that what he does, through the mechanism of a claim-pursuing operation which gathers the evidence and then instructs counsel, is itself illegal, but by sharing the proceeds he, as a solicitor, is alleged to contravene the rules of his profession.

The case, with the possible ultimate loss of his solicitor's certificate to practise, does not alter the fact that his Quantum claims compensation operation opened a new office in Glasgow last week, and continues talks with one possible partner in Manchester and four more in London. "The need," says Lefevre, "is there. The system is proved. This is utterly unstoppable."

Lefevre, short and dry of wit, explains his background and beliefs with the ease of a man who took a year off from the law to work as an advertising copywriter. For most of his 30-year practice, however, he had done all the solicitors' chores, selling houses, making wills, unmaking marriages, and developing a six-partner *practice specializing in* contentious cases.

Nearly one third of these were "speculative actions", in which Lefevre would act for a wronged client knowing that if the claim failed he would not be paid. Several things occurred to him along the way. First, he grew impatient with the scale of fees even when he won: 25 per cent on the first £1,000 damages awarded, scaled down to £25 per £1,000 over £10,000.

"Take an example. We won £335,000 for a man made paraplegic in an accident. It took us four and a half years, during which we carried huge costs of collecting medical and other evidence. And our fee was about £8,000. Not the sort of reward for which wronged people can expect the best efforts of the best brains.

"But, more importantly, I grew depressed at the number of people falling through the legal net. There has been a trend for Legal Aid boards to become harsher on compensation applicants [broadly, at a weekly wage of £124 or with savings of £3,000, a married man ceases to become eligible for free Legal Aid] — and a clear indication that insurance companies are more and more frequently adding pressure to get such help denied.

"Then the injured party had to *either abandon the action* or ask us to accept a speculative action. And it was us that had to give them the downside; if they proceeded and lost, they would *not* owe us our fee . . . but they would perhaps be liable for the other side's considerable costs. Poor people could not take this chance. Thus Quantum."

Thus Quantum's controversial offer to would-be litigants. As a claims specialist, *not* as lawyers (Lefevre instructs independent legal firms in cases he takes up), Quantum underwrites its own and the opposition costs in cases it loses, but when it wins it asks 20 per cent of the first £10,000 damages awarded, then a sliding scale down to 10 per cent of anything over £100,000.

Since those first advertisments, Lefevre has taken on between 125 and 150 cases, "and I am confident that 80 per cent of those will succeed. The common factor in all the letters I get is the despair of people for whom all else has failed, and litigation stands as their only remedy — and that is too costly."

One letter in reply to his advertisements caused more thought. The correspondent was the Scottish Law Society. *Without animosity it* challenged the professional basis of his scheme. By September he appeared to be within 24 hours of virtual disqualification. The danger receded without explanation. Then in December the SLS issued the writ: it would test what he did in a civil law suit. "I am prepared. I did not go *into this* without thinking through how brave I was prepared to be."

Some of the questions Lefevre will have to answer before his peers in court he willingly dealt with for *The Times*. Would he, as Lord Hailsham suggests, merely encourage litigants to flood the courts as they use the law as a form of harassment or blackmail?

Not, Lefevre insists, on matters of money, if Quantum itself must fork out for the lost cases. But what of the venal or idle lawyer — why not take on the speculative claim, and perhaps catch the judge on a weak day, the jury in cantankerous mood? "If you create a system in which misbehaviour is possible, does that mean some will surely misbehave? Solicitors have always had *opportunity to cheat*. They can write 10 letters instead of five, to swell their bills." Surely America's experience, where doctors drive past the dying for fear of being sued, makes the case against similar systems here? I would suggest a mid-Atlantic system for compensation cases. Let cases be fought by lawyers working on a contingency fee basis. But *give the courts absolute* discretion to award costs against those bringing frivolous, speculative actions. That provides the necessary backstop to stop abuse of the law."

Lefevre's closing argument is this: "This is not just a kite I have hoisted. Rather an idea whose time has come. I have always believed that the best way to predict the future is to make it happen. I think it unthinkable now that I shall lose my certificate at the end of the road. Yet I am prepared to do so. I would simply continue Quantum with myself, an ex-solictor, in a new role: say, managing director."

The deluge of learned papers suggesting changes in Britain's laws argue persuasively that the system has a case to answer.

TOM KIDD



Tough-talking Lefevre: "The need is there. The system is proved. This is utterly unstoppable"

New, it isn't

CRAIG BROWN

Continuing our reassessment of the events of the past decade. Part 23: The small magazines — An Era of Transition.

The decade began in uproar, with Paul Howard leaving his position as editor of the *New Statesman* after a period of infighting, to become editor of *The Listener*, replacing Tony Paul, who had departed under a cloud of disagreement with his proprietors to become editor of the ailing *New Society*, whose previous editor, Howard Alan, having decided that after a full three weeks in the job it was "time for a change", had taken up the post of editor of the *New Statesman*, made vacant by the departure of Paul Howard.

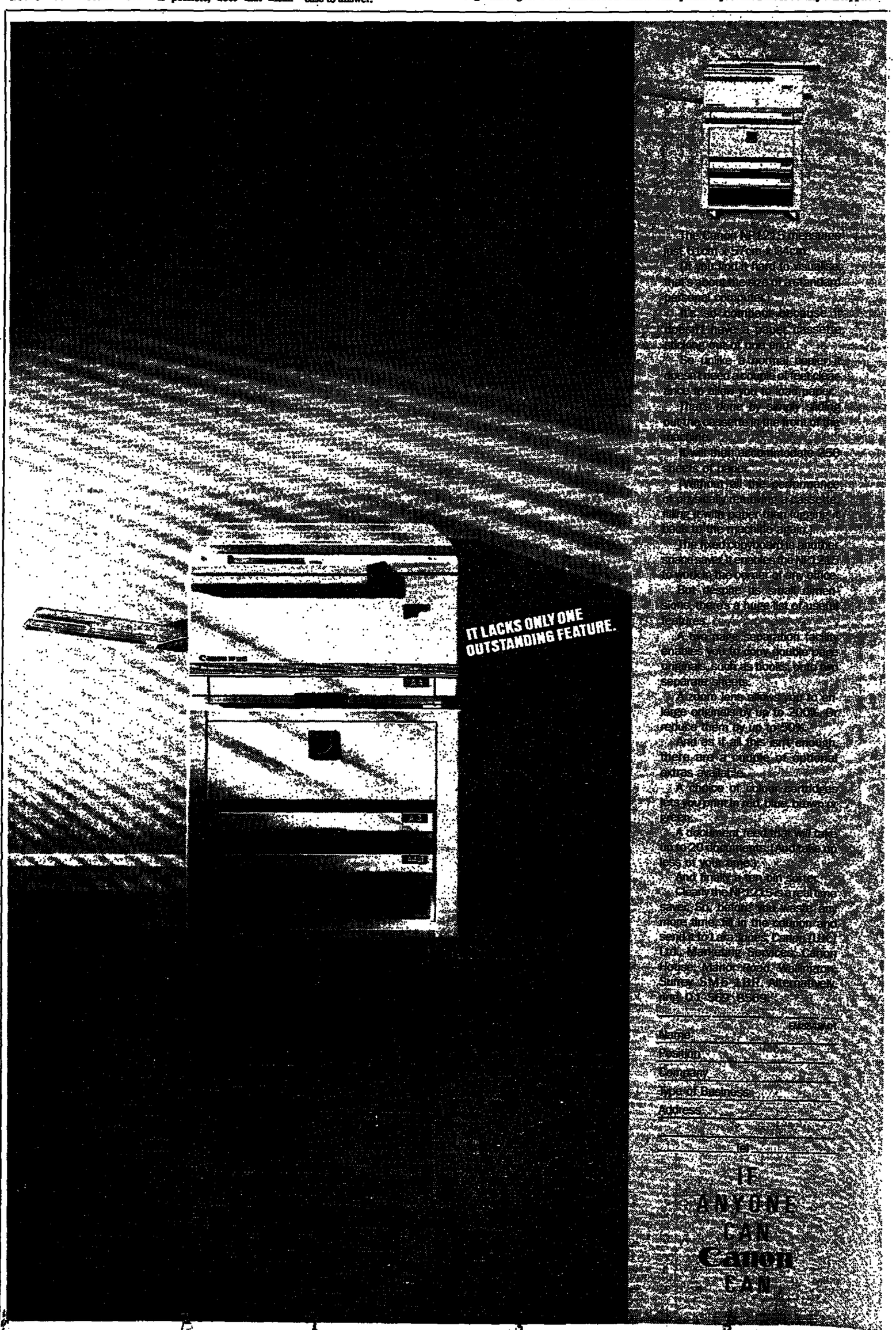
As the era progressed, the editorial changes seemed to accelerate. Looking back on his time in the editor's chair of the *New Statesman*, Tony Paul (editor 1983-84) believes that he was right to introduce "longer paragraphs, fewer pictures, and less 'good writing' ", adding that he was proud to have printed "a lighthearted piece by Roy Hattersley about Yorkshire". His successor, Paul Howard (editor, 1984-85), attempted a different formula, making the magazine "less committed, with far fewer pages and much less writing to wade through". He adds that he "once got Roy Hattersley *to write us* a lighthearted piece about Yorkshire". Howard was succeeded by Paul Alan (editor 1985-86), who, it was later discovered, had edited the magazine for a short time in the late Seventies without anyone noticing.

It seemed that no new formula could save the small magazines, so, in the face of declining circulations and journalistic unrest, *The New Listener and Society Statesman* was formed, with Howard Alan appointed to the post of editor. "We were looking for someone with massive experience in the field of small magazines," explains the chairman, Lord Backhander, "and no one had failed over a wider range of publications than Alan."

Howard Alan brought in Paul Howard (ex-*Statesman* and *Listener*) as deputy editor, Tony Paul (*ex-Listener* and *New Society*) as literary editor, and Paul Alan (ex-*New Society* and *Statesman*) as special adviser. He also took the bold move of luring Roy Hattersley to contribute a light-hearted weekly column on Yorkshire.

But the team could never agree on editorial policy. Howard Alan wanted to make it "more general", while Tony Paul wanted it "less general", with Paul Alan arguing that it should become "both less general and more general". "1987 was a particularly tough year for us," explains Paul Howard; "the only thing that's kept us going was the promise of an article towards the end of the year by Melvyn Bragg on televising the arts."

With the approach of the 1990s, the future of *The New Listener and Society Statesman* (incorporating *Punch* and *Setting Up Home*) seems stronger than ever, with an exciting new team led by Paul Alan, with such experienced hands as Tony Paul, Paul Howard and Howard Alan in senior positions. Reports suggest that circulation has already risen from 17 in 1988 to 18 or even 19 in the first *month of this year* ("though we obviously expect some falling-off when readers realize what the magazine's like," adds Tony Paul). And they have exciting plans for the future. "Roy Hattersley has promised us a lighthearted piece," beams Paul Alan, "I think it will be on Yorkshire".



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TIMES DIARY

CLEMENT FREUD

In 1967 a young producer, recently recruited under the BBC's graduate entry scheme, recorded a "pilot" for a panel game. Four showbiz people were to be asked to talk for 60 seconds on a subject randomly selected from a pile of topics – without hesitating, repeating themselves or deviating from the word or phrase they had been given. The other contestants, the while, were encouraged to challenge for transgression and there was an umpire to decide upon the validity of the challenges. The five of us and Mr Ian Messiter, who thought of the game, provisionally called *One Minute Please*, sat before an audience in a Piccadilly studio and the young producer got his 35 minutes, edited it down to the required half hour and sent it to the BBC programme development committee for appraisal.

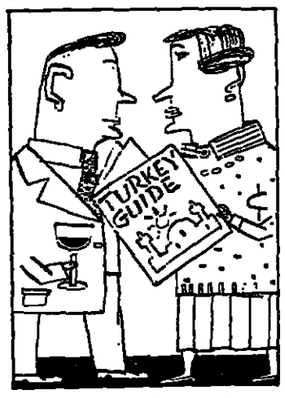
Their light entertainment sub-committee listened – and announced the verdict some days later: this is not good enough. So the junior producer said: "I am sorry you feel like that; this is actually as good a programme as I can get . . . so I might as well look for another job." The committee, bearing in mind the high cost of staff recruitment, listened to the programme again and scheduled it for a short run.

Last Thursday, we who for the past 22 years have had steady employment as panellists on *Just a Minute*, sat down to a celebratory meal at Broadcasting House on the occasion of its 400th episode. One of our long-standing team died last year; the rest of us, the chairman and the inventor remembered him in our toast. Our junior producer was there. He had gone on to become a senior producer, then controller of Radio 2, controller of Radio 4, promoted to director of programmes and is now managing director of BBC Network Productions. "To show," as Hilaire Belloc said of Charles Augustus Fortescue, "what everybody might become by simply doing right."

Accompanying the account of my January credit card expenditure came an illustrated brochure offering me "a delightful new bone china plate depicting two simply irresistible Baby Owls not only showing great beauty of colour and grace of composition – but each bird a true individual, its charming character brilliantly revealed as only a great artist can. What could be more charming: two Tawny Owl chicks snuggled together on their perch in the oak tree, feathers fluffed to keep their feet warm (I did not know that), one with one eye shut, not quite ready yet to wake up, the other bright-eyed and waiting eagerly for breakfast." They sent an actual-size replica in full colour: "You acquire this lovely plate at no risk; if you are not completely satisfied you may return it within 30 days for replacement or a full no-quibble refund . . ." Though if you throw up I expect they would like you to wash it before sending it back.

At dusk on Saturday I left the A38 at Buckfastleigh, made for Bovey Tracey, took the Moretonhampstead road west and when I saw a sign to Chagford, I turned as directed. The Devonshire byways are narrow and I negotiated some serious hazards such as a wide, unilluminated hedge-cutting vehicle working overtime, providing danger to motorists quite disproportionate to those of protruding blackberry bush branches. At length I came to a notice proclaiming Chagford – twinned with Bretteville-sur-Laize. And a mile out of the village on the Gidleigh road a board bearing the message: CAUTION Nervous Horses. A whole lot of life goes on out there about which we in the metropolis know little. I wonder how many French diarists drove last weekend through Bretteville (sur-Laize, where else?) and worried about the *jumelage* with Chagford. Like *où est Chagford?* The answer is Sur le Upper Teign. *Entendu*!

BARRY FANTONI



'Here's one – family hotel, quiet beach, and only 20 minutes from the local kidney donor'

For many years now I have noticed the extraordinary effect that uniforms have on the people who wear them. At football stadia perfectly nice old boyos are bedecked as members of a corps of commissionaires and take on the airs of tin-pot dictators; the belligerence of traffic wardens owes nearly everything to their flashing yellow epaulettes. Last week, 15 minutes before closing time at the deserted Oxford Street branch of Marks and Spencer, a tall, thin security guard in a peaked cap stopped me from leaving the building by the Poland Street exit. "This door is closed," he snapped. "Use one of the other exits". As he said this a young woman came through that closed door, so I made for it. "You can't go out that way," the guard shouted, and lunged at me, unsuccessfully, though he managed to catch my departing heel in the closing door. If the Metropolitan Police really don't want Guardian Angels on the Underground, perhaps we could hire them for shopping trips.

In Spain the apparatus enabling viewers to receive satellite television has become an attractive investment: "if you don't care for the programmes," runs the sales pitch, "use the dish for making paella." This must be encouraging for Sky TV who should never forget that today's impedimenta for picking up Tebbit and Mitchell could be the wherewithal for tomorrow's stir-fry. I look into the cathode tube and see dishes of Fu Yung chicken with cashew nuts and black bean sauce – and there's likely to be an almighty run on 30 inch serving spoons.

The National Freight Consortium, which is to be floated on the stock market today, has risen like a phoenix from the ashes of one of the 20th century's failed "big ideas": the monolithic nationalized industry. Its success also points the way to a very different industrial future.

Most discussions of industrial relations and privatization still assume a basic antagonism between workers and management, with shareholders shut out until the annual report comes along. The story of the NFC shows that a better alternative *is* available, one that can work to the benefit of managers, employees, shareholders and customers alike, and at the same time help improve the supply side of our still underperforming economy.

The NFC was formed in the late 1960s by Barbara Castle, an uneasy merger between the publicly-owned British Road Services and the scattered remnants of the railways' once comprehensive door-to-door collection and delivery service. It was to be Labour's revisionist spearhead of "competitive public enterprise" – a counter to the left's demands for full nationalization of the whole road haulage industry. However, the nationalized corporation proved an abysmal failure – prevented by union rivalries from fully integrating and rationalizing its activities and assets; lurching from one painful restructuring and refinancing to another.

In 1979 the NFC became one of the *Conservatives'* first candidates for privatization, as the only way to stem what appeared an unending flow of subsidy. But its apparently poor prospects and the recession of the early 1980s made it unattractive to City investors. The Government was greatly relieved by the offer of a management buy-out, which was rapidly expanded to include all employees.

The buy-out has proved a staggering success. Pre-tax profits rose from £15.5 million in 1983/84 to £67.1 million in 1987/88 on a turnover up from £570 million to £1.26 billion. Since the buy-out, earnings per share have grown by 38 per cent a year and the share price, on NFC's own internal market, has increased by 74 times.

The consortium's record teaches us several lessons. First, buy-outs are better than bail-outs. They provide governments with a positive strategy for dealing with the social and regional consequences of industrial restructuring, without giving in to the temptation to bail out loss-making concerns with subsidies.

The second lesson is that privatization can work in the public interest when the basic conditions are right and government acts with imagination – in particular when employees and managers alike are given a stake in the business and when the newly privatized organization is forced to be competitive.

State-run activities, including many council services, can stifle management initiative under the sheer weight of bureaucratic rules, while their employees can lose commitment and incentive as they realize that however hard they try, their contribution makes no difference.

Mrs Thatcher's privatization policies take almost no account of these basic commercial factors. As a result the Government is creating a small number of management-run monopolies instead of a wide range of competitive organizations owned by their employees.

Third, the Conservatives are wrong to think that fear is the best incentive: fear of takeover for management and fear of unemployment for the workers. In the NFC's case the co-operative effort stimulated by the employee buy-out, combined with fierce market competition, have been highly effective in securing consent to necessary change and rationalization.

The NFC is no co-operative – voting rights are attached to shares, not to labour. But employee involvement has still been impressive: 82.5 per cent of the initial share capital was sold to employees, their families and pensioners; 40 per cent of employees bought shares in February 1982 (their first opportunity) despite initial union hostility; this figure rose to 60 per cent by March 1986.

Fourth, the NFC has worked so well because the shares in the buy-out were widely spread among the workforce. I have urged additional tax concessions to facilitate buy-outs and the spread of employee share-ownership plans (ESOPs) which have been such a spectacular success in the US. But an essential condition is that the spread of shareholding must be wide. Democratic safeguards must be built into the legislation so that an unscrupulous management cannot manoeuvre its workforce into an unwitting surrender of pension and redundancy rights.

Employee shareholding has proved an enormous success. But it does not make sense for individuals to tie up all their savings in the company for which they work. They should have the right to diversify their portfolio.

Policies for increased employee shareholding must go hand-in-hand with incentives for wider share ownership as a whole. For despite the Government's rhetoric, institutional dominance of shareholding is increasing. Between 1981 and 1986, the proportion of shares owned by individuals fell from 28 per cent to 25 per cent. Although 20.5 per cent of the population are now shareholders, half hold shares in only one company. I have asked the Democrat economics group to see how we could meet a target of 20 million shareholders by the end of the century.

Fifth, in a dynamic economy, industrial structures must be allowed to change and develop. There should be no rigid line between employee-owned businesses and the rest of the private sector, whether publicly quoted or not. I applaud the consortium's decision to seek a public flotation.

Employee buy-outs are not appropriate for all firms or at all times. But the NFC's results justify the long-standing belief of those in the Social and Liberal Democrats that new forms of industrial organization can and do pay off in terms of profits, and of return on assets, where the state corporation of the traditional left and rigid hierarchies of the right are failing.

The modern company needs to harness the full potential of its workforce if it is to compete effectively. Government industrial policy should aim to make that easier. The NFC is still a lonely success story.

Paddy Ashdown, SLD leader, urges more democracy at work

How to deliver the goods

Bernard Levin

Nanny's anti-chatter charter

Are we all mad, or only some of us? This question arises, and an answer to it becomes urgently needed, because of the extraordinary business of what came to be known as the "chatlines". These facilities, introduced by the privatized British Telecom in its unwearying search for anything to postpone the dreadful day when it has to get down to making the phones work and Directory Enquiries answer, did, surprisingly, offer a minor but useful service. Lonely people could dial a number and, should it by any chance connect, talk to strangers about anything that strangers might tell each other; the game was so devised that any number up to 10 could play.

Harmless absurdity? Not quite; in the first place the sharks who ran the chatlines (BT was, in effect, operating a franchise system) charged 38p a minute (25p a minute between 6pm and 8pm – how kind, how kind); it is not clear what rake-off BT was taking, apart from the flat fee the chatline purveyors had to pay, but the franchisees were all suffering from curvature of the spine, caused by the weight of the bags of gold they were lugging thrice daily to the bank. Nor were they taking any chances; they had an inspector on the line at all times, whose job it was to keep the talk going if the talkers showed signs of wanting to ring off.

Harmless absurdity with a price to pay? Again, not quite. For some users of these services it became an addiction, and not in a merely colloquial sense; they would go on talking for hours at a stretch, which at even a pound (off-peak) for four minutes soon added up to a small fortune, and in a few cases a large one.

Some children, for instance, were spending almost their entire time on the phone to other lonelyhearts, unknown to their parents – unknown, that is, until the BT bill came in; there have been reports of demands for upwards of £6,000, which cannot all have been errors in BT's accounts department, and it is said that one 12-year-old girl, discovered to have put her parents in hock for several thousands, attempted suicide.

Not entirely harmless, then, and not entirely absurd either. But what happened when enough dial-a-quote MPs (they always seem to get through first time – is there no justice?) had come to hear of what was happening, and began to agitate for controls, suppression, prosecution, obloquy, legislation, floggings and their own names in the papers? What happened? Why, BT, displaying all the courage, dignity and single-mindedness that have made it indistinguishable from a dead jellyfish left out in the sun for a fortnight, announced that it was shutting down all the chatlines as from today. (In breach of contract, incidentally, but that's a trifle.)

Now why is all this a matter for skilled head-doctors? Because as an example of the Nanny State gone even madder than usual it would be hard to beat. (A dangerous phrase, I admit, because the rulers of the nursery will be put on their mettle to beat it, and will almost certainly succeed.)

There is no way of discovering just how many ruinous and impossible bills have been run up by addicted users of the chatlines, but in the nature of things it cannot be more than a tiny fraction of a percentage of the whole.



Suspicion set in for me when I noticed that two cases – the 12-year-old girl I have mentioned, and a man whose son had landed him with thousands to pay and promptly had a heart attack – were being repeated again and again. And the chatlines are to be abolished for the many who used them sensibly and helpfully because of the very few who fell into the trap set by their own weakness, confusion and misery.

I called it addiction, and so it is: let no one jeer at the name or the condition. But there are other addictions, which cause havoc at least as great among the bank balances of the addicts and their families, and in many cases much more. Yet no one, with the possible exception of the dial-a-quote MPs, would propose the total suppression of the thing that the addict is addicted to.

You ask why not? Because you haven't thought of enough examples. Men and women have utterly ruined themselves and their families – literally ruined and reduced to literal beggary – by gambling on horses. Do we then argue for the abolition of horse racing? Some people have destroyed themselves by falling into the grip of John Barleycorn; shall we, to avoid such tragedies in the future, declare total prohibition and shut down all public houses and wine merchants?

Once, visiting a hospital for the mentally ill, I saw a patient who suffered from a peculiar *tic douloureux*; she could not stop raising her hand to touch the side of her face and then bringing it down again. It was macabre, and the poor woman was clearly in the grip of something she could not control and which was causing her to suffer. If she had had her arms amputated she would no longer have had the problem, but I think that few would advocate such a remedy.

Getting silly, am I? Let me be sillier still, and nasty with it. There are men with a terrible compulsion to commit rape, and stern moralists urge castration for such deviants. There is no prior test that can tell which men, in the grip of the obsession, will commit the frightful crime; yet I do not think that even a High Court judge would advocate the sterilization of the entire male population.

Let us leave such excessively morbid reflections and return to the people who have succumbed to the chatline addiction, particularly the children. Are we not allowed to remind their parents that they are responsible for their offspring – responsible, that is, not only in the legal sense that they are obliged to pay the bills of their under-age dependants?

Responsible . . . the very word is under suspicion, and any day now the dial-a-quote MPs will start to demand its abolition. Yet the concept still inescapably faces you, if only because you may have a dreadful shock when you see your next BT bill and discover that your children have been chatlining for hours on end.

Look, there is a device, costing a pound or two, with which you can lock your telephone, so that no one can make calls on it without the use of your key. There are other devices, costing somewhat more, which monitor all calls on your phone, so that you can see daily – hourly, if you wish – how much it is being used. But those are merely practical examples of self-protection; the moral case is far more important. For it argues that it is wrong to kill all dogs because some bite, and that self-control means exactly what it says.

Because it is possible to abuse the chatline service (and it is difficult to think of anything at all that cannot possibly be abused), the chatline services and their majority of sensible clients must be penalized, as BT, in grotesque haste, shuts them down. Another victory for the Nanny State; another defeat for those who argue that our lives are our own to make or spoil, and that in either case we should not look to others to decide which it is to be.

Kitchen knives have been used to commit murder; which dial-a-quote MP would like to be the first to introduce, in Private Members' time, the Abolition of Cutlery Bill?

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Commentary • JACK STRAW

Paperback propaganda

Brazilian-scale inflation has hit the production of Britain's Public Expenditure White Papers. Under this government, the price of the very documents which proclaim the key role of public spending in the fight against inflation has more than quadrupled from £8.50 in March 1980 (Sir Geoffrey Howe's first White Paper as Chancellor) to £40 for this year's, published last week – an even heftier £78.30 if you buy its 19 slim volumes separately.

Price apart, the Government erred in deciding to publish the White Paper as 19 documents (one per department) since this will only encourage the public to read those sections that particularly interest them.

Chapter 12, on the Department of Education and Science, fits neatly into any raincoat pocket and can easily be read while strap hanging on the tube. As its 24 pages cost only £2.60, I recommend it as required reading for all who want to know the truth about education and science spending.

With documents like this, it's always worth starting at the back. The very last chart (12.18) disclosed, to my astonishment, that only 1 per cent of the "manpower" (at least half will be womanpower) of the DES is devoted to science: that is, 25.62 people out of 2,562. I cannot believe this, but the presentation of the figures in this way inadvertently reveals what little day-to-day priority the department gives to science and may explain the largely unreported but fierce battle for departmental control of science epitomized in the two-year delay in publication of the Government's science policy, now postponed until the summer.

Science spending itself tells an interesting story too. When Nigel Lawson made his Autumn Statement (on which these figures are based) on November 1, the DES issued a press notice of "an extra £300 million for science" announced by Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State.

This was of the same *genre* as his announcement of November 14 of "places for more science teachers" which actually showed a decline in such places, or that of November 24 welcoming a "five per cent increase in numbers recruited to initial teacher training" which in fact charted a fall of 3 per cent in recruitment to secondary teacher training courses, with even greater falls in shortage areas such as maths, physics and chemistry.

The extra £300 million for science over the next three years is a conjuror's figure, pulled out of the hat by manipulating the base. There *has* been an increase in the science budget for 1989-90, after years of campaigning and warnings from the likes of the president of the Royal Society, Sir George Porter, that "the morale of the scientific community has fallen to its lowest point this century", and from the Government's own advisory board for the research councils that Britain's science base was "at a watershed".

But next year, and the year after, the figures in the White Paper show a *fall* in the science budget (table 12.15), in real terms, of 2 per cent in 1990-91 and another 1 per cent in 1991-92 – something obscured by the Autumn Statement's failure to adjust for inflation.

A month ago Mr Baker boldly spoke of "a massive expansion in higher education", with a possible doubling in the numbers by 2015. But while he may have a policy for the next 25 years, he has virtually nothing to say about the next 25 months. Far from laying the ground over the next few years with the unrivalled opportunity provided by the decline in the age group, student numbers until 1991-92 are to be static.

A Brazilian also seems to be in charge of the DES press office. Everything is "up" and "more". The "biggest ever rise in Education Support Grants", "another £300 million in in-service training", not to mention "16 per cent increase in capital for the voluntary aided schools".

DES press notices have a feel of the early 1960s about them, when no one bothered too much about the PSBR and all public spending was good. Added together, announcements of total spending by the DES press office now exceed total spending specified in the White Paper, which yet again tells a different story.

We spend a smaller proportion of our national wealth on education than we did in 1979. Local authority current spending on education (i.e. for schools and further education) is to be held level in real terms between 1990-1992. The Government says that "it looks to LEAs to reduce teacher numbers"; and it has specified a target for the removal of 133,000 surplus places in 1989-90 (despite its encouragement of any school threatened with closure to opt out).

Capital spending on schools has been cut by 32 per cent since 1979. Most significant of all, between 1979 and 1988 the amount central government spent on schools was cut by 17 per cent in real terms – or £790 million at today's prices.

In a speech before the last election Mrs Thatcher took credit for the increase in spending per pupil. The entire increase in real spending which has taken place has been paid for by ratepayers, whose local councils have often been penalized for overspending.

Sadly it now looks as if the Brazilians are to triumph throughout Whitehall. Next year's public expenditure figures, whether in a part-work or a single volume, are to be made wholly non-comparable with previous years. This happy circumstance (which with one bound will "reduce" public spending by over £10 billion) was announced in an obscure White Paper (*A New Public Expenditure Planning Total*, Cmnd 441, £2.80 for 16 pages) which will strip out local authorities' expenditure paid for from local sources (e.g. rates and poll tax). The principle behind this wheeze was recommended by the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, and was both innocent and sensible.

But its practice by a government which has reduced official statistics to crude propaganda will be very different – to obscure, rather than to illuminate. I wish some of *my* best friends were Brazilians.

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FEB 6 **ON THIS DAY** 1920

The "rolling up" of the German armies in 1918 was achieved under Marshal Foch (1851-1929), who had been appointed supreme commander of the British, French and American forces months earlier. Foch was fêted wherever he went; on this side of the Channel he was made an honorary field marshal and a member of the Order of Merit.

MARSHAL FOCH AMONG THE IMMORTALS

From Our Own Correspondent

PARIS, FEB. 5.

Marshal Foch to-day, for the first time, took his seat at the Academie Française. His reception naturally attracted all Paris to the scene. There were something like 4,000 people for 400 seats, and many who wished to see the greatest soldier of them all, assured of immortality for his exploits in the Great War, take his place among the self-styled immortals were doomed to disappointment. One did see, however, among the illustrious concourse Marshal Pétain, General Castelnau, M. Léon Bourgeois, M. Cochin, and a whole host of others whose names are distinguished in literature, thought, science, statecraft, war, and diplomacy.

The victor of the greatest campaign of all time quite naturally began by a eulogy of the glorious Allied armies he led to final victory. "Above my head you have done honour to the glorious phalanxes who for more than four years have waged, despite all hardships, many weathers, and at the price of hitherto unknown sacrifices, the most violent and longest of battles. It was to do homage to the greatness of the duty accepted by all, to the unanimous determination to conquer at all cost, to pay a humble tribute to that Army, that the Academy had desired to take into its company yet another soldier."

M. Poincaré, President of the Republic, had the grateful task of saluting and welcoming the new Academician. Referring to the critical days of the first battle of Ypres, when the fortunes of the whole Allied cause and of civilization hung perilously in the balance, he said:—

"Field-Marshal French was on the point of moving back his heavy artillery and beating a retreat. You rushed to Vlamertinghe and summoned him to you. 'If we make known your weakness,' you declared, 'we shall be carried away like a wisp of straw. Keep at all costs your First Corps where it is; I will myself attack on the right and on the left with French troops.' As you spoke you took a sheet of paper to the desk; hastily you scribbled four lines in which you made clear your thought, and you handed the note to the Field-Marshal. He read it, thought a moment, called a Staff officer, and said to him, 'Go and carry out this order.' Disaster was averted."

M. Poincaré referred at length to the great Council of Doullens when, on the morrow of the German attack, the fateful decision was taken to make Marshal Foch Generalissimo of all the Allied armies.

"We went upstairs into the great hall of the Mairie where was held the meeting which showed the perfect agreement of the two Governments and also the patriotic disinterestedness of Field Marshal Haig and General Pétain. In a few hours you had seen Fayolle, Debeney, and Gough, and to all you gave the same instructions, 'Stand fast, stand at all costs.' Next day the Germans were stopped on the Oise."

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ON THE WAY OUT

The day is approaching when the last Soviet military personnel will leave Afghanistan. It is a day for which most of the world has waited and campaigned ever since the first Soviet troop carriers arrived in Kabul nine winters ago. The withdrawal will mark the end of a Soviet adventure that eventually proved as costly in economic and human terms at home, as it was politically costly abroad. Mr Gorbachov saw fit to end it — not for our benefit, but for his own.

The final stages of the withdrawal and what follows are likely to be bloody. The perilous land route the troops must take, the hatred aggravated by recent attempts to keep the Salang Highway open, and the Mujahidin groups' scent of victory, will combine to make the last days of Moscow's intervention as difficult as any it has experienced.

The seeds of the Soviet defeat were sown in December 1979. It is right that the Soviet Union and its Afghan surrogates face the consequences themselves. There can be no question of the West easing their passage by, for instance, assisting the Soviet attempts to create a coalition in league with the Najibullah regime. Once Soviet military support has been removed, the Afghan government must stand on its own, or fall.

Intelligence reports suggest that it will fall, maybe sooner, maybe later. They also predict that disorder and bloodshed will follow. This is why Western diplomats have left Kabul. The Afghan government has condemned their exodus as an attempt to reduce confidence in it still further. For the West, their departure has smacked of defeatism and suggested a serious lack of confidence in the Mujahidin cause they have supported for so long.

A battle for the Afghan capital would certainly place lives at risk. Until a government is convincingly in control in Kabul, diplomats cannot perform their usual job of representation. They risk also becoming a liability. The siege of the American Embassy in Tehran showed how diplomats could be used in pursuit of an internal power struggle.

The West will now, however, be deprived of some of its intelligence sources. It also loses the slim possibility of immediate representation at the court of a new, more democratic government. If, even a token representation was considerered too risky, the means by which the diplomatic withdrawals took place could certainly have been improved. Some of last week's media coverage made it appear that the US were in retreat, not the Soviet Union.

The immediate question is about how the West should respond once the Soviet withdrawal is complete, assuming that the February 15 deadline is kept. The completion of the military withdrawal removes a large impediment to improved relations with the Soviet Union. But much will depend on Moscow's subsequent behaviour.

If it hopes to shore up the current regime by economic means and undercover security and that government succeeds in clinging to power, the change brought about by the much-publicized withdrawal will have been minimal. For the Soviet Union that would probably be the most desired solution. The West cannot share that view; nor will the Mujahidin.

The West must hope that the competing Mujahidin groups will reach agreement at their *shura* in a week's time to form a moderate coalition which will be able to contest genuine elections under international scrutiny. The present divisions among the Mujahidin, however, exacerbated by their individual ambitions, make that a fond hope.

The best that can realistically be hoped for is that the battle for power in Kabul is short, and that it is followed by an election in which the population of Afghanistan would choose their own government. The worst would be a civil war in which the warring sides were supplied by the two superpowers and, possibly, the Islamic countries too, rendering the region even less stable than it is now.

If the Soviet Union continues to supply the present Afghan regime with weapons after February 15, however, it should be left in no doubt that the Mujahidin's supply routes will also be maintained. Moscow cannot be permitted to reap the political benefits of withdrawal if the reality of the situation — that Moscow is bolstering a regime which would otherwise fall — has not changed.

THE QUIET WASHINGTONIANS

Last week's Washington meeting of the finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations produced no banner headlines. That alone will be cause for satisfaction for the hosts. The initial purpose of the meeting, as conceived by the new US Administration, was merely to remind the markets, in the potentially volatile period between President Bush's inauguration and the presentation of his first budget on Thursday, that while governments change, international coordination of exchange rates and monetary policies has become an established fixture.

Ministers, in the event, tackled a weightier agenda. This was partly in response to circumstance, and partly to meet concerns, barely camouflaged by Mr Nigel Lawson, that too modest an outcome would have the opposite effect, unsettling financial markets accustomed to expect more from these periodic summits.

The somewhat unexpected result, on monetary policy, is a switch of emphasis away from exchange rate stabilization to the primary importance of holding down inflation. The hands of Mr Lawson and the world's two most important central bankers, Mr Alan Greenspan of the US Federal Reserve and Mr Karl-Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, can here be discerned.

Mr Pöhl has twice raised German interest rates in recent months to counteract the weakening of the Deutschemark against the dollar. Mr Lawson's remarks about an inflation rate heading past 7 per cent would seem to be trenchantly in favour of tight monetary controls.

Mr Greenspan, in evidence to Congress last week, reiterated that the US economy, with continued rapid creation of new jobs in an already-tight labour market and buoyant unfilled factory orders for exports, is in more danger from inflation than from recession. The prognosis is, therefore, for tighter money.

Whether that also implies, as the markets are expected to conclude, a stronger dollar in the medium term will depend on Mr Bush's success in handling the problems which higher interest rates will generate for him in the two areas of economic policy he has declared to be his priorities. These are cutting the US budget deficit and devising new techniques to alleviate Third World debt burdens.

Even a small rise in US interest rates will strain the President's already-fragile strategy for deficit reduction through a "flexible freeze" of government spending. It relies particularly heavily on low interest rates to limit debt-service outflows and generate revenue for the US Treasury by promoting continued high economic growth.

Dearer money, by raising the cost of debt service worldwide, will also increase the pressures, on all G7 governments, to "do something" about Latin American debt. The rumblings about debt-repudiation in Washington's backyard are getting louder; the new presidents of Mexico and Venezuela are demanding, in the name of the survival of democracy, a new deal from their creditors.

Ministers took a preliminary look at the problem last week but sensibly refused to pretend that unanimity currently extends beyond agreement on the need for debt alleviation coupled with new finance, which the 1985 Baker Plan promised, but has failed to produce. They will need, as they have promised, to make more progress before the April meeting of the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund.

Their caution meanwhile may help to remind debtor governments that debt alleviation can never be more than a footnote to their own efforts to regenerate their economies. That is not a bad start.

MRS CURRIE'S DUTY

The all-party Commons Select Committee on Agriculture, which is inquiring into the danger of salmonella in eggs, naturally wants Mrs Edwina Currie to appear before it. The minister who had to resign after remarks she made about the extent of that danger has asked to be excused.

Although this is a breach of precedent it seemed likely that her reply would be accepted. Select committees have the power to send for persons and papers. But this committee seemed unwilling to exert it. The Labour minority was inclined to force the issue. But the Tory members were said to be influenced by the anxiety of the Whips.

Now, however, it is different. Mrs Currie is writing a book about her years as a minister. Salmonella is likely to loom large in it. A simple political issue has become one of wider significance.

Select committees are among the most practical ways of bringing back-bench and cross-party opinion to the Government. It is one thing for Mrs Currie to decline to appear because she wishes to say no more about this issue. It is quite another for her to refuse and then give utterance in a well-remunerated book.

MPs can be forgiven for linking Mrs Currie's book to her refusal of the Committee's invitation. There are now, therefore, two reasons why the Committee should insist on her appearance. First she might have some useful information. More importantly, a damaging precedent could be set:

A resolution of 1688 established that if a Member refused to appear when sent for, the Committee "ought to acquaint the House therewith...". It was in 1842 that a Committee last reported that a Member had refused to comply with a request for his attendance. When a motion was then made in the House ordering him to give evidence, he said he was willing to appear and the motion was withdrawn.

It is to be hoped that it will not come to that. But if Mrs Currie still refuses, the Committee must report the matter to the whole House and obtain a vote compelling her attendance.

Of course, even when witnesses appear, there may be limits to what can be got out of them. Even so, the ability of a Select Committee to follow up answers with further questions tends to contribute more knowledge than a book in which the author alone picks the ground.

In the Sixties, it was fashionably argued that if only the British Parliament had a system of investigatory committees on major policy areas comparable to that of the American Congress, policy would be better managed. That thesis ignored the reality that whereas the American President is not dependent on a Congressional party majority for his political survival, a British government is. In the last analysis, therefore, major policy positions will always be determined on party lines. No select committee will change this.

What select committees can do is to examine those areas where questions are being asked, where policy is still evolving and where scope genuinely exists for cross-party contribution. The Public Accounts Committee which scrutinizes the way in which public money is spent has long had a constructive record. More recently the Defence, Trade and Industry, Environment and Social Services Committees have all produced significant reports.

The investigation into the salmonella affair is an important one. Mrs Currie has an important parliamentary duty to fulfill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Passport benefit for Hong Kong

From the Chairman of Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt (Commentary, January 31) is quite right in congratulating Sir Geoffrey Howe on the excellent agreement for the future of Hong Kong signed in 1984.

He is also right in pointing out that a more liberal policy on issuing full British passports to Hong Kong Chinese might enhance confidence in the Joint Declaration rather than undermine it. There are already signs that China welcomes the concept of dual nationality if this means those with such a status helping in the overall reconstruction of China and its future Special Administrative Regions.

While Lord Wyatt may be over-optimistic in expecting the Foreign Office, and more importantly the Home Secretary, to issue wholesale new British passports with the right of abode in the United Kingdom, perhaps a more constructive policy on the edges of this problem can be adopted.

For example, why should not the top 5,000 Civil Servants in Hong Kong have the right to a British passport automatically? This will do much to improve morale of the servants of the Crown in the territory and very few of them, having got a British passport, would wish to leave for Canada, Australia, and elsewhere (incidentally, when they retire these same Civil Servants should have their pensions funded in the currency of their choice).

There is also room for flexibility by the Home Office in the immigration quota rules which could indirectly help Hong Kong. If the world-wide quota for professionals in a booming Britain were enlarged, covering engineers, accountants, chemists, computer experts etc., then a lot of first-class Hong Kong Chinese would qualify under a world-wide quota. This is the approach taken in particular by Canada and Australia in attracting new immigrants.

A pragmatic approach by the Home Secretary, with the support of the Foreign Office, could easily afford the issuing of 50,000 new British passports to Hong Kong Chinese which, if the Joint Declaration worked, would probably mean less than 10 per cent of them coming to this country, all of whom would be first-class citizens. This action would indirectly, as pointed out by Lord Wyatt, lead to further confidence in the future prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

This whole subject could well come within the brief of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee in their intended review of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,
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January 31.

From Miss Gladys Li

Sir, The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (January 17), in taking you to task for your leader on Hong Kong (January 13), has himself been guilty of serious error.

In a press conference held before his departure from Hong Kong on his recent visit, Lord Glenarthur, seeking to explain why, out of over 700 Civil Servants who had applied to register as British citizens, only 54 had been granted registration, stated that the criterion was one of "high quality of service".

This criterion is not only at variance with one of having been "exposed to special considerations and special factors", mentioned in the speech of Baroness Young from which Lord Glenarthur quotes; it is also deeply offensive to those whose applications were rejected.

As for the development of representative government in Hong Kong, since the British Government in undertaking its "painstaking public consultation" has excluded a genuine consultation by referendum, we can only hope that the Chinese Government ignores the urgings of Lord Glenarthur to do as the British Government does.

Yours faithfully,
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January 23.

Kissing and telling

From Mrs J. Bogle

Sir, Further to Lady Eliott's comments on kissing (January 31) one really lovely fashion which I rather wish Britain might adopt now that we are all supposed to be so European-minded is that of a gentleman lightly kissing a lady's hand. I have only had this happen to me once in Britain — and then at a foreign embassy — but a visit to Poland last year showed it to be virtually universal there. It did wonders for one's own good manners.

Yours sincerely,
JOANNA BOGLE,
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February 1.

From Mr W. H. King

Sir, When, like Lady Eliott of Stobs, we lived in a remote spot we cared not whether our visitors kissed us once, twice, shook hands or remained "British". They had arrived; and they were most welcome. Perhaps Lady Eliott should count her blessings.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. KING,
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Faults in tackling racial inequality

From Mr Ray Honeyford

Sir, E. J. B. Rose's case for contract compliance ("Jobs lever for the blacks", January 31) is seriously flawed. Mr Rose is Chairman of the Runnymede Trust, which describes all Britain's ethnic minorities as "black". This creates misleading statistics about jobs, housing, and education, since the significantly better performance of Asians than West Indians in all three areas is disguised. The notion that we have a uniformly depressed and exploited "black" under-class in Britain is the false assumption such linguistic distortion helps to create. In fact many of our minority groups are doing well.

Mr Rose's analogy with Northern Ireland is misleading. There religious discrimination is historically established and indefensible. But the extent to which our ethnic minorities' wellbeing is a function of racial discrimination has never been reliably established. Variations in outcome cannot be attributed to "racism", unless all the other relevant variables have been held constant. The key factor of the group's own cultural value system has always been omitted. This factor is crucial in explaining a minority group's progress.

Contract compliance is yet one more device of the anti-racist lobby to encourage ever-increasing State intervention in the free market in the name of equality. Yet all the evidence suggests that intervention harms most those it is supposed to help, by endangering that majority good will on which good race relations ultimately depend.

Contract compliance cannot be implemented without quota systems, which are rightly illegal in this country. State interference violates the traditional British abhorrence of discrimination in favour of *any* group. And it alienates employers who are forced to allow their employment judgements to be vitiated by racial considerations.

Yours sincerely,
RAY HONEYFORD,
14 Wragby Close, Bury, Lancashire.

From Mr Kevin McNamara, MP for Hull North (Labour)

Sir, Mr E. J. B. Rose welcomes the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill and seeks an extension of the approach in the Bill to tackle racial equality in Britain. Unfortunately, his welcome is misguided. Indeed, I wonder whether he and I have been reading the same Bill.

The type of contract compliance which Mr Rose and I both seek is *not* included in the Bill, which takes a much more restrictive approach, though it *had* been proposed in the Government's own consultative paper.

The extent and effectiveness of the limited contract compliance which is included will be almost entirely dependent on the details of the scheme. Yet these details are not included in the Bill and are entirely at the mercy of subsequent regulations. The Government has declined to let Parliament see these, even in draft.

The affirmative action permitted in the Bill is considerably inferior to the already constrained affirmative-action provisions of the Race Relations Act 1976. Moreover, it provides an individual discriminated against with reduced remedies compared with the Act which it will replace.

It reneges on the Government's own flawed White Paper. It fails to implement the strategy to tackle discrimination proposed in the report of the secretary of state's own Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights — a strategy which would have stood some chance of tackling the problem.

Britain's racial minorities deserve something substantially better than this flawed and patently ineffective Bill.

Yours,
KEVIN McNAMARA
(Principal Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland),
House of Commons.
February 3.

Mixed-ability classes

From Dr Colin Robertson

Sir, Mr Serebriakoff (January 27) expresses deep dismay at advice reportedly given by Ilea inspectors to the effect that teachers should "ignore achievement and excellence, and praise mediocrity and failure". As the inspector in charge of the report which disturbs him, I would refer him to paragraph 436:

> ... the inspection sought to establish whether the identification of and provision for pupils with marked aptitudes were *intrinsic* to the work and planning of departments; ISS [*Improving Secondary Schools* — i.e., the Hargreaves report, which reflects authority policy] makes no pronouncement on the relative merits of streaming, banding and mixed-ability grouping, nor does this report. The question is whether identification and provision are *intrinsic* to work and planning: is the department so organised as to cater, not for particular large groups of children (whether by mixed-ability classes, or whatever), but for the individual pupil with exceptional ability or enthusiasm? Or, conversely, do such individuals pose awkward and unexpected difficulties, at best to be met by *ad hoc* arrangements; at worst ignored?

The question of mixed ability is something of a red herring: the real issue is that of differentiation.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN ROBERTSON,
Inner London Education Authority,
Divisional Office No 3,
North Star House,
556-564 Holloway Road, N7.
January 27.

Patients' needs first

From Dr J. E. D. Stevenson

Sir, Your benign editorial (February 1) on Mr Clarke's NHS proposals seemed strangely at odds with your clear understanding that curbing costs is the main aim. Giving general practices a "bread and fishes" budget for a given year will make little impact on improving efficiency. The early NHS managers from industry (not a few of whom resigned) found that such a straitjacket effectively led to programmed failure.

Attempting to make budgets fair by weighting for morbidity and demography will inevitably be abandoned as impractical. Within the hospital sector the proposals represent a prescription for accelerated neglect of fabric, for which the NHS is already famous.

More impact would have been achieved by giving audit some teeth and removing security of tenure for consultants and GP principals alike. Reinstatement or otherwise every five years could involve mutual appraisal, and why not incorporate GPs into the system for allocation of consultant merit awards? Regular practice assessments by peers in relation to GP training have been far from bloodless.

Contrary to your assertions, taxpayers are already willing to pay more for the NHS. The Government, understandably, wishes to off-load the responsibility for gaps in care on to supposedly-inefficient local hospital managers or general practices. Such political legerdemain is admirable in its context, but a far cry from putting patients first.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. D. STEVENSON,
The Health Centre,
5 Stanmore Road,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire.
February 2.

From Mrs Susan Barnes

Sir, When the health service is transformed will it also be necessary to transform the Hippocratic oath to include "... for the benefit of my patients according to my ability and judgement *and budget?*"

Yours faithfully,
S. D. BARNES,
21 Frank Dixon Way, SE21.

Reform of the law

From Mr Ian Gow, MP for Eastbourne (Conservative)

Sir, Lord Rawlinson's understanding of the Green Paper on *The Work and Organization of the Legal Profession* (January 31) differs radically from mine.

The terms of reference proposed for the reconstituted Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct are designed to ensure that, in future, the provision of legal services meets the needs of the public; and meets them not only as to quantity, but also as to quality.

That is why para. 3.14 suggests that the reconstituted advisory committee should contain a majority of lay members and why the committee will look at areas of legal services which require specialist expertise.

One of these areas is stated to be advocacy, whose special features resulting from its connection with the administration of justice are spelled out in paras. 5.3 to 5.6. Far from being the body responsible for issuing "dog licences", as Lord Rawlinson suggests in his letter, the paper makes it clear that the role of the advisory committee will be to advise the Lord Chancellor on the appropriate education, qualifications, and training of advocates appropriate to the various courts (para. 5.13).

Furthermore, the Lord Chancellor will be required to consult the judiciary before reaching final decisions on rights of audience; and, as the Lord Chancellor himself made plain in his letter (January 28), it will not be the advisory committee which issues (or revokes) licences, but the professional bodies concerned.

Nor is there any question of "steam-rollering" through Parliament the proposals in the Green Paper. Para. 1.13 makes it clear that the Lord Chancellor hopes to receive a wide response to consultation, not only from lawyers but also from members of the public for whose benefit the proposals in the paper are aimed. Constructive responses, based on the principles of education, qualifications, training, and standards (para. 1.3) will, I believe, be welcomed by the Lord Chancellor, who will naturally take them fully into account.

Yours faithfully,
IAN GOW,
House of Commons.
February 1.

From Mr Gershon Ellenbogen

Sir, Mr J. Derrick (February 2) says he has not met anyone abroad who envies the British legal system, adding: "Most Americans can't understand it, let alone admire it."

I once asked an American lawyer who was attending an Old Bailey trial how our system compared with his. He answered: "If I were innocent, I'd rather be tried here; if guilty, in America."

I am etc.,
GERSHON ELLENBOGEN,
9 Montagu Square, W1.

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Saving Malta's finest heritage

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer

Sir, Dr Whitehouse (January 31) has drawn attention to the serious threat to the archaeological monuments and the flora and fauna of Gozo arising from a proposal for tourist development at Ta' Cenc.

I was in Malta as planning adviser, appointed jointly by the Commonwealth Foundation and the Government of Malta, when this proposal was received. It is the largest development ever contemplated in the Maltese islands and would have a major impact on the prehistoric landscape of Ta' Cenc and its wildlife. But there are much wider issues.

The planning system of Malta was dismantled by the previous Administration. The built-up area of the islands has trebled in the last 25 years, and this has happened in a haphazard way that was wasteful not only of land but in the provision of roads, water, sewerage, and electricity services. The identity of towns and villages has been lost and sites of historic interest and natural beauty have been ruined for ever.

The present Government is acting energetically to create a planning system with a properly-staffed planning authority and a plan for the islands, for the preparation of which a grant has been obtained from the Commission of the European Communities.

I am second to none in my love of the short-toed lark that is threatened by the Ta' Cenc scheme; but I am more concerned for the people of Gozo and the devastation that would be caused by the construction operations and traffic over a number of years.

A number of areas are threatened by large-scale development that some of us feel are even more important than Ta' Cenc. There is a particular threat to the buildings and the fortifications of Valletta and its harbours, which are monuments of world importance.

The most pressing case is that of Manoel Island. Fort Manoel, which has been described as the finest and most elegant fortress in Europe, is now the target of a proposal for a massive — and without doubt highly-profitable — over-development, with hotels, villas, marinas, shops, and offices. As an alternative, it has been suggested that it should be restored and developed as a place of recreation for the people of Malta.

The fort was seriously damaged during the war. We left it in a pretty bad state. The buildings of Malta are just as important a part of the European heritage as the buildings of Venice. We contributed handsomely to saving them; could not our contribution in Malta be to restore Fort Manoel? It could be done by 1992, which happily is the fiftieth anniversary of the award of the George Cross to Malta.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. Q. SWITZER,
Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
February 1.

From Mr Rodney Legg

Sir, As custodian of a few thousand of Europe's herring gulls, or *Larus argentatus* as Ruth D. Whitehouse calls them, I am amused at her concern that they should continue to breed on Gozo.

Fears for their departure are premature. A more than adequate population will be prepared to nest on whatever hotels, tower blocks, or other architecture happen to be provided as a substitute for the archaeology.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LEGG (Warden,
Steep Holm),
via Wincanton Press,
North Street, Wincanton, Somerset.
January 31.

Turner seascape

From Mr D. L. Pearson

Sir, Sir Hugh Leggatt (February 2) makes a strong special case for retaining Turner's "Seascape, Folkestone". But should we not also consider allowing a greater part of the world heritage represented by Turner and other British masters to be enjoyed abroad — perhaps on indefinite loan to suitable galleries?

We rejoice in the fact that many of Henry Moore's works have been purchased abroad, to become, in a narrow sense, part of the heritage of others, while acting as ambassadors for Britain. And we rejoice that part of the world heritage of Greece and Italian art is available to delight us in this country, whilst also encouraging feelings of friendship and veneration towards its countries of origin.

A great work of art is more than just the heritage of the country where it may have originated, or be owned, or displayed.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. PEARSON,
Langata, Little London Road,
Horam,
Heathfield, East Sussex.
February 2.

His Master's voice?

From Mr David Williams

Sir, While I was reading your obituary (January 24) of Salvador Dali on my homeward train journey last Tuesday, a voice boomed out from the intercome system with the words: "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is the train speaking". Was this British Rail's final tribute to the Master of the Surreal?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID WILLIAMS,
The Old Post Office,
Howe Street, Great Waltham,
Chelmsford, Essex.
January 27.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
February 5: Divine Service was held in West Newton Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend Canon George Hall preached the Sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 4: The Duchess of York, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer, Captain William McLean and Mr Geoffrey Crawford, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from France.

The Princess Royal attended England v Scotland Rugby Match at Twickenham.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 5: The Princess of Wales attended the London Taxidrivers' Fund for Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W1.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 4: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the Florence Nightingale Museum on the site of St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today is the thirty-seventh anniversary of the accession of The Queen.

Birthdays today

Mr Claudio Arrau, pianist, 86; Rabbi Lionel Blue, author and broadcaster, 59; Sir Denys Buckley, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 83; Mr Peter Cadbury, company chairman, 71; Mr Leslie Crowther, comedian and actor, 56; Sir Robert Erskine-Hill, former chairman, Life Association of Scotland, 72; Mr Louis Heren, journalist and author, 70; Professor J.E.C. Hill, former Master, Balliol College, Oxford, 77; Mr S.C. McIntyre, former chairman, Pearl Assurance Company, 77; Mr Patrick Macnee, actor, 67; Chancellor the Rev E. Garth Moore, 83; Mr Denis Norden, scriptwriter and broadcaster, 67; Mr Manuel Orantes, tennis player, 40; Mr Ronald Reagan, former President of the United States, 78; Lord Roskill, 78; Mr Jimmy Tarbuck, comedian, 49; Mr Fred Trueman, cricketer, 58; Mr Keith Waterhouse, writer, 60; Mr Billy Wright, footballer, 64.

Today's royal engagement

The following royal engagement has been announced from Buckingham Palace:

The Duchess of York will visit St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie, at 11.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Christopher Marlowe, *Canterbury, 1564*; Anne, reigned 1702-14; St James's Palace, London, 1665; Ugo Foscoli, poet and novelist, Zákinthos, Greece, 1778; Sir Charles Wheatstone, physicist and inventor, Gloucester, 1838; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Keinton Mandeville, Somerset, 1838; Frederic William Myers, poet, Keswick, 1843; William Murphy, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Stoughton, Wisconsin, 1892; George ("Babe") Ruth, champion baseball player, Baltimore, Maryland, 1895.

DEATHS: Aldus Mantius, printer, Venice, 1515; Charles II, reigned 1660-85, London, 1685; Lancelot ("Capability") Brown, landscape gardener, 1783; Carlo Goldoni, dramatist, Paris, 1793; Joseph Priestley, Presbyterian minister, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Northumberland, Pennsylvania, 1804; Ruben Dario, poet, León, Nicaragua, 1916; Gustav Klimt, painter, Vienna, 1918; Ellen Wilkinson, trade unionist and politician, London, 1947; George VI, reigned 1936-52, Sandringham, Norfolk, 1952.

South Eastern Circuit

Mr Robert Seabrook, QC, has been elected Leader of the South Eastern Circuit, in succession to Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, who has completed the three-year term of office.

Oliver Leaman

Taking religion seriously

Two recent and unconnected events were felt by many people to represent the unpleasant side of taking religion seriously.

When Lord Mackay of Clashfern attended a requiem Mass for a Roman Catholic friend he was dismissed as an elder of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland. When comparatively large numbers of Muslims in Bradford demonstrated against the sale of Salman Rushdie's *Satanic Verses*, W.H. Smith withdrew it from display in its shops.

The former event was represented by much of the press as a prime example of religious bigotry. What could be more natural, and indeed more laudable, than someone seeking to honour a dead friend by attending the religious ceremony relating to that death? One does not have to concur with the religious sentiments implicit in such a ceremony, since one is there with an entirely different motive to a Roman Catholic attender. A similar form of reasoning will be applied to the Muslim anger at *Satanic Verses*. It will be said that it should be open to an author to express himself or herself in whatever way is felt to be desirable, within the law, and it is up to the reader to form an opinion on the quality of the text. If members of a particular religious group find the text blasphemous, then it is up to them whether they read it or not, but there is no good reason why it should be banned from public sale in British bookshops. Non-Muslims might want to read it, and even Muslims might want to check themselves whether it is really blasphemous.

We might even want to say that Muslims could read the book, agree that it is blasphemous, and yet wish it to be published and read because of its literary quality. This would be rather like a Protestant fervently criticizing the Roman Catholic Mass, while at the same time countenancing its taking place because of its musical or dramatic quality.

In these days of ecumenism, within the context of a profoundly secular society, we are accustomed to different religious groups tolerating (and even coming closer to) each other, while the areligious majority of the population expects religious institutions to display the same sorts of liberalism as nominally runs throughout our relatively open, democractic and multicultural society.

We do not expect people to take religion so seriously that they punish eminent members of their community for attending a competing religious event, nor to the extent that they burn and seek to ban certain books from sale in British shops.

Yet the more one considers the actions of the Free Presbyterian Church and the Muslim organisations the more reasonable their position becomes. It is one of the bases of the Free Presbyterian Church's entire rationale that the Roman Catholic Mass is a totally unacceptable ceremony, embodying all that is misguided and irreligious about Roman Catholicism.

One cannot just attend such a ceremony with the status of a tourist and claim that one is not participating in it at all, in the same way that one might attend a bull fight or a public execution in a foreign country. If there are moral problems about institutions such as bullfighting, then it is a moral error to lend such institutions support by taking part in them. By attending a Roman Catholic Mass and behaving in a respectful manner, the implication is that Lord Mackay is attending an institution deserving of respect, whatever the private thoughts going through his head.

He may disapprove of the ceremony, but through his presence he is demonstrating that his disapproval is not so great that he is not prepared to be there, and this lack of vigour was enough for his church to punish him by demoting him. To those outside that particular organisation it might seem like a fuss about nothing, but within that religious body it appears as quite reasonable to discipline a member whose actions go completely against the organisation's basic principles.

There will be many fervent pleas for liberty to publish whatever one wants in spite of the religious susceptibilities of Muslim and other religious groups in the United Kingdom as a response to the withdrawal of *Satanic Verses* from W. H. Smith. Leaders will appear in the newspapers criticizing religious minorities who seek to censor literature, and those hostile to the Asian community in Britain will find in the burning of the book in Bradford confirmation of their fears and suspicions.

Yet again it is not difficult to justify the actions of the Islamic community in this case. It is felt, rightly or wrongly, that in terms of Islam this book is blasphemous, which means that the very sight of it offends Muslims. They express their disgust by demonstrating against the book and threatening to withdraw their business from shops which sell it.

Why should they behave any differently? It is up to the bookselling trade to react in defence of liberal values, and it surely comes as no surprise that W. H. Smith is worried about the commercial consequences of offending such a large and imporant clientele.

What we have here yet again is a group of people who take their religious seriously, and who are prepared to react angrily when they feel their religion is being attacked. The rest of us are unable to see what all the fuss is about precisely because there is a deep tradition in Britain which refuses to take religion seriously, and which merely sees it as a matter of personal belief, on a par with the colour of socks one prefers to wear or the television programmes one chooses to watch.

Yet for Muslims, with respect to *Satanic Verses*, the expression "publish and be damned" is to be taken quite literally. At the same time as we seek to support freedom of expression we must also try to understand what it is that motivates those whose religious scruples oppose such freedoms. We must try to grasp that unusual phenomenon in our society, the person who takes religion seriously.

Mr Leaman is lecturer in philosophy, specializing in Islamic philosophy, at Liverpool Polytechnic.

Marriages

Mr C.J. Mendham and Miss C.C. Goschen
The marriage took place on Saturday in St Bartholomew's Chapel, Goring Heath, of Mr Jonathan Mendham, son of the late Mr J.C. Mendham and of Mrs Mendham, to Miss Caroline Goschen, daughter of Sir Edward and Lady Goschen. The Ven E. Ward officiated.

Mr P. King and Dr N.J. Lakey
Professor John Lakey and Dr Pamela Lakey, of Meopham, Kent, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Nicola, to Philip, son of Mrs Jean King, which took place at Cobham Church on February 4.

A reception followed at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Mr P.J.A. Cooper and Miss B.J. Firth
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 4, at St Mary's Church, Hitchin, between Mr Patrick John Ashley Cooper, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Ashley Cooper, and Miss Belinda Jane Firth, youngest daughter of the late Mr Christopher Firth and of Mrs Firth. The Reverend Ian Graham-Orlebar officiated, assisted by the Reverend Clifford Offer.

The bride was given away by her great-uncle, Mr Charles Longstaff, and attended by Alice Duncan, Annie Marsted, Katie and Susannah Wellesley-Wesley, Pips and Adam Rudd, The Hon Henry Ryder and Archie Woodhead. Mr Adam Stapleton was best man.

The reception was at Hitchin Priory.

Mr S. Seath and Miss R. Browning
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 4, 1989, at All Saints Church, Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire, of Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Derrick Seath, of Chesterton Park, Gloucestershire, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr George Browning and the late Mrs Browning, of Hove, Sussex.

A reception was held at Stratton House and Bibury Court. The honeymoon is being held in Florida.

Mr P.A.F. Wilson and Miss J.P. Muir
The marriage took place on Saturday, February 4, at St Luke's, Rossington, South Yorkshire, between Mr Patrick Wilson, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P.F. Wilson, and Miss Janice Muir, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.M Muir.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.R. Bowers and Miss S.C. de Kleuver
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Roland Bowers, of Seale, Surrey, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Willem de Kleuver, of Helmond, Holland.

Mr J.R. Brearley and Miss S.B. Bennett
The engagement is announced between John Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs A. Brearley, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Sheila Bridget, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Bennett, of Stockport, Cheshire.

Mr J. Brewer and Miss W. Kong
The engagement has been announced from Hong Kong between John Robert Brewer, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Brewer, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, and Winnie Lai-Wan Kong, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Kong, of Toronto, Canada.

Captain N.B.V. Campbell and Miss K.J.L. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Colonel and Mrs G.B. Campbell, Naples, Italy, and Katharine, younger daughter of Major R.C.I. Robinson, Trinity, Edinburgh, and Mrs I.G. Pringle, New Town, Edinburgh.

Mr P.K. Corkery and Miss C.R. Clark
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Dr and Mrs P.F. Corkery, of Mizen Road, Goleen, Co Cork, Eire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M.J. Clark, of Low Sober Farm, Warlaby, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.E. Derry and Miss M.M.A. McGuinness
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Derry, of Colton, Staffordshire, and Maria Madeleine Antonia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Noel McGuinness, of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

Mr J.G. Emrich and Miss A. Mills
The engagement is announced between Garth, eldest son of Mr Russell Emrich, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mrs Judith Emrich, of Argos Hill, Mayfield, Sussex, and Annette, eldest daughter of Mr David and Mrs Anne Mills, of Ditchling, Sussex.

Mr G. Ferris and Miss C.L. O'Leary
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs D. Ferris, of Great Yarmouth, and Clare Louise, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs D.O. O'Leary, of Lynford, Norfolk.

Mr E.J. Griffin and Miss C.E. Glenister
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs John D.B. Griffin, of Battle, Sussex, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth H.L. Glenister, of Hastings, Sussex.

Mr W.T. Hacking and Mrs A. Wharton
The engagement is announced between William Hacking, of Liphook, Hampshire, and Annamaria Wharton (née Miggiani) of Bray, Berkshire.

Mr S.E. Haggas and Miss E.C. Lawson
The engagement is announced between Simon Edward, youngest son of Mr Brian Haggas, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Mrs Christine Feather, of Leathley, North Yorkshire, and Emma Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Lawson, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

Mr M. Kazemi Rashti and Miss L. Grimston
The engagement is announced between Mr Masoud Kazemi Rashti, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M. Kazemi Rashti, of Hampstead, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Grimston, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.A. Newbold and Miss E.J.B. St George
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr J.R.C. Newbold and Mrs M. Bown, and Elinor, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.B. St George.

Mr C. Tawney and Miss S.M.H. Slater
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Tawney, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, and Shirley, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.H. Slater, of Cockermouth, Cumbria.

Nature notes

After their noisy nights in January, tawny owls have fallen silent; but little owls are calling all day, with a yelping cry that rings across the pastures, as they assert the ownership of their territories. They are much smaller than tawny owls, but far more commonly seen: motorists often get a good view of one, perched very erect on a fence-post by the roadside, and staring from under its white eyebrows.



Tawny owl

Rooks and herons are rebuilding their nests in the treetops. The first chaffinches are singing: they have a run of notes that gets progressively quicker and louder until it ends in a rapid whirl of sound: it has been compared to the action of a fast bowler running up to the wicket and delivering the ball.

Leaves are opening on the knotty twigs of the crab apples. On hawthorns, there are small, green points on the crimson buds. On wild rose bushes, a few withered hips remain among the hard grey thorns of last year and the tiny scarlet buds of the new season. On the higher branches of alder trees, the catkins are long and purple; and the first few hazel catkins are beginning to swing loose.

DJM

Pick of the week at Christie's



An elaborate Edwardian Valentine card, circa 1900, 8¼in. by 6in. (to be sold with two others). Estimate: £40-£60.

THIS romantic Valentine card depicts a young minstrel serenading his girl. Both figures are surrounded by hearts of pink clover, with Cupid's arrow inscribed 'To my Valentine' at their feet.

Christie's South Kensington are celebrating Valentine's Day early with a sale of Printed Ephemera on Thursday, 9th February at 2pm which will include fifty lots of Edwardian and Victorian Valentine cards, most with estimates ranging from £10-£50. The majority of cards are decorated with embossed and pierced paper lace, some are also gilded and applied with fabrics, shells and beads. Mechanical, pull-out, and stand-up cards and word puzzles are also featured.

For further information on this or other sales in the next week, please telephone: (01) 581 7611.

CHRISTIE'S

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85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7
164-166 Bath Street, Glasgow

Marlborough College

Marlborough College announces the following Sixth Form awards for September 1989:

Scholarships: Dooftan Azmi, Marlborough College; John Bonnewell, Marlborough College; John Greswell (Music) Bryanston Court School, Bath; Freya Grimley Evans (Music) Oxford High School; Lucinda Hall-Smith (Music) The Royal Naval School, Haslemere; Clare-Sophie Hamblin (Music) Talbot Heath, Bournemouth; Sasha Harding (Art) The Purbeck School, Wareham; Matthew Juniper, Marlborough College; Paul Olson, Marlborough College.

Exhibitions: Jacqueline Broomhead, James Allen's Girls' School; Emmeline Hall, Malvern Girls' School; Michael Lewis, Marlborough College; Jonathan Povey, Westbourne School.

Pearits: Adrian Williams (Academic and Music) Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield; Rosanna Yeatman (Music) The Perse School, Cambridge.

Church news

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor

Canon Richard Llewelyn Owen, Canon Treasurer and Rector of Llangollen, to be Canon Residentiary and Team Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Bangor.

Canon Geraint James Vaughan-Jones, Canon Canon and Rector of Maltwyd, to be Canon Precentor of Bangor Cathedral.

The Rev Barry Wilfred Thomas, Rector of Caernarfon, to be Canon Canon of Bangor Cathedral.

The Rev Derek Gordon Richards, Rector of Llanddaniel, to be Honorary Canon of Bangor Cathedral.

The Rev David Noel Jones, Rector of Llanllyfni, to be Rural Dean of Arfon.

The Rev Geoffrey Williams Hewitt, Vicar of Artnog, to be Team Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Bangor and Director of Social Work in the Diocese.

Diocese of St Asaph

The Rev John Page, Assistant Curate of St James, Wilmslow, Ripon Diocese, to be Vicar in the rectorial benefice of Wrexham.

Appointments



Professor Eric Sunderland, Principal of the University College of North Wales, Bangor, to be President of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

Latest wills

Mr Donald Kennedy Cassels, of Great Barford, Bedfordshire, Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1934-62, left estate valued at £212,069 net.

Eva Pumfrett Higsett, of Gresford, Clwyd, left estate valued at £1,326,297 net.

OBITUARIES

JOHN CASSAVETES

Operating outside Hollywood's mainstream

John Cassavetes, who made a distinguished contribution to the American cinema both as actor and director, died in Los Angeles on February 3. He was 59 and had been suffering from cirrhosis of the liver.

Starting his career on the stage, he moved into films and television and won international acclaim with *Shadows*, a semi-improvised, low budget picture which received the Critics Award at the Venice Film Festival. He went on to direct further films in the same vein, seldom working from a prepared script and getting his actors to improvise around basic themes.

He was one of the first directors to function successfully outside the mainstream of Hollywood feature productions, often achieving the same creative freedom enjoyed by film makers in the art cinema of Europe. The results were uneven, often marred by loose plotting and self-indulgence, but at its best his work had a dramatic immediacy and an emotional truth that more than compensated for a lack of formal structure.

His films depended heavily on the ability of his actors and often had the same leading players, a hand-picked group of close collaborators who included his wife Gena Rowlands, Peter Falk, Ben Gazzara and Seymour Cassel.

Cassavetes was himself an accomplished actor, both in his own films and for other directors, bringing to his roles a distinctive brand of nervous intensity. When he played villains, as in Polanski's *Rosemary's Baby*, where he helps to engineer the seduction and impregnation of his young wife (played by Mia Farrow) by the Devil, he could bring to his performance a spine-chilling shiftiness.

He was born in New York on December 9, 1929, the son of a Greek immigrant. He studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art and made his stage debut in a stock company in Providence, Rhode Island.

He got his first acting part in films in 1953 and established himself in a series of thrillers, including *The Night Holds Terror*, *Crime in the Streets* and *Edge of the City*. In 1959 he starred in a television detective series, *Johnny Staccato*, using his earnings from it to help finance *Shadows*.

Charting the love affair between a white boy and a black girl, *Shadows* (1960) was shot in 16mm and used many of the trappings of cinéma-vérité documentary, from the hand-held camera to abrupt editing and a grainy print. Intended as an antidote to the Hollywood studio system it



ironically gave Cassavetes the chance to make commercial films.

But his experiences were unhappy ones. *Too Late Blues* was an undistinguished study of a jazz musician, and while *A Child is Waiting*, which starred Judy Garland in a story about handicapped children, was potentially more interesting, it was so altered by the producer, Stanley Kramer, that Cassavetes disowned it.

He went back to acting, lending distinction to the 1964 re-make of Hemingway's story, *The Killers*, which had Ronald Reagan co-starring as the boss of a criminal organization, and included, in a strong cast, Lee Marvin as a hitman and Angie Dickinson as a faithless mistress; as well as to *The Dirty Dozen* and *Rosemary's Baby*.

By now (1968) he was ready to have another try at directing and using the improvisory techniques of *Shadows* he made *Faces*, a painful dissection of a failing marriage with a fine performance by Gena Rowlands; and *Husbands*, in which Cassavetes, Peter Falk and Ben Gazzara played married men on the loose in London.

Minnie and Moskowitz (1971) was a lighter, more engaging, film about a romance between two misfits, but Cassavetes returned to marital discord in *A Woman Under the Influence*, with Falk and Gena Rowlands as the husband and wife. The film was financed by Cassavetes and Falk and contrary to his usual practice, Cassavetes shot from a conventional script.

The Killing of a Chinese Bookie was an interesting attempt to work within the gangster genre, while *Opening Night*, with Rowlands as an actress on the verge of a breakdown, was a precise demonstration of Cassavetes's strengths and weaknesses: on the one hand a powerful plumbing of the emotions and a raft of fine performances, and on the other wilful obscurity and excessive length.

In *Gloria* (1980) Cassavetes made one of his most satisfying films, another excursion into gangster territory, with a gun-toting Gena Rowlands, combining sharp characterization with narrative discipline. After playing a modern Prospero in Paul Mazursky's *Tempest*, Cassavetes took another look at family conflict in *Love Streams* (1984).

His last film as a director, *Big Trouble* (1986), was a disappointing comedy about an insurance swindle.

Cassavetes leaves his widow, two sons and a daughter.

SIR ST JOHN ELSTUB

Post-war research on rocket propulsion

Sir St John Elstub, CBE, who died on January 24 at the age of 73, had an important role in the post-war development of rocket propulsion and sat on committees relating to the future of the aircraft industry and its productivity.

Born in 1915 he was educated at Rugby and read Mechanical Engineering at Manchester University.

He joined ICI as an engineer and from 1939 was in the RAF, serving as a bomber pilot and instructor in the Middle East.

When the German rocket attacks began he was seconded to the Ministry of Supply and was engaged in intelligence work on V2 rockets and served as superintendent of the Rocket Propulsion Department at Westcott, near Aylesbury, from 1944.

He rejoined ICI in 1947 as deputy chief engineer of the Metals Division, based at Witton, Birmingham, and set up for ICI a rocket motor research establishment at Summerfield, near Kidderminster (now part of Royal Ordnance).

Elstub was successively chief engineer, joint managing director and managing director of the Metals Division, and was its first managing director when Imperial Metal Industries (now IMI) was formed in 1962. He presided over its rapid expansion, taking over additionally the chairmanship from 1972 until his early retirement in 1974.

He was appointed CBE in 1954 for his work on rocket motor design and knighted in 1970.

He devoted much time to educational and public bodies, serving as a Life Governor of Birmingham University and as a council member of the University of Aston (which awarded him an honorary DSc in 1971). He was also a governor of the Administrative Staff College, Henley, from 1966 to 1972, and a member of the Engineering Industry Training Board (1964-72).

Elstub served on the Plowden Committee on the future of the aircraft industry and from 1967 to 1969 presided over the committee known by his name which examined the industry's productivity. He was one of the "three wise men" who in 1971 investigated the collapse of Rolls-Royce.

He was President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in 1974-75, and held office in several other trade and professional organizations. He was also on the boards of a number of industrial and commerical companies.

He leaves a widow, Patricia, and two daughters.

SIR ARNOLD NORDMEYER

Grappling with New Zealand's economy

Sir Arnold Nordmeyer, the former New Zealand Labour Party leader whose so-called "Black Budget" when he was Finance Minister in 1958 was blamed for his party's subsequent 12 years out of power, died on February 2 at the age of 87.

Nordmeyer brought in higher taxes on beer, tobacco, petrol and cars besides increasing income tax, in an effort to handle his country's threatening balance of payments problem. As a result the 1960 General Election was won by the National Party.

As Finance Minister, Nordmeyer was grappling with falling prices for New Zealand's traditional exports. There was also the possibility of Britain's deciding to join the European Common Market. Indeed economists saw his "Black Budget" as statesmanlike.

But it dogged him for the rest of his career. Though acknowledged by many to be New Zealand's ablest debater in Parliament, he lasted only two years more as Labour Party leader. The trade union wing of the party helped oust him in 1965, as too much of a middle-of-the-roader, in favour of Norman Kirk.

Nordmeyer, the son of a German emigrant and a Northern Ireland mother, was for ten years a Presbyterian minister before he entered politics during the Depression. He helped draft the 1938 Social Security Act, one of the cornerstones of New Zealand's welfare state.

He was knighted in 1975.

MRS AGNES SALTER

Maintaining momentum in the Women's Institutes

Mrs Agnes Salter, who was chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes from 1985 until ill health forced her retirement last October, died on January 29 at the age of 52.

Born a clergyman's daughter in St Andrews, and educated at St Leonard's School there, she had trained as a dairy farmer at Studley College, Warwickshire. It was as an Oxfordshire farmer's wife that she headed the 330,000 member national network of WIs.

Agnes Salter believed deeply in the grass-roots and rural base of the organization. She showed this by her efforts to build up across Britain the weekly WI markets of fresh and locally-supplied products at prices competitive with those of local traders.

She had started in her local institute, supplying produce from her own farm near Bicester and rose to become the federation's markets chairman by 1981. She possessed a very good business sense coupled with organizational ability.

She sought to use the non-party clout of the voluntary movement to maintain threatened public services in rural Britain and was chairman last year when the annual conference called for stricter sentencing in rape cases and random breath testing to combat drunken driving.

In 1986 she masterminded an appeal for £1 million to modernise Denman College, the WIs' adult education centre near Oxford. This gives courses designed to help women widen their own horizons and enrich the life of their communities. The target was passed before she died.

During her years as chairman the British WIs, as affiliate members of the Associated Country Women of the World, helped financially with a village fresh water project in Lesotho in southern Africa.

She is survived by her husband and four children.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

The Lord rewards those who are faithful and righteous. Today he put you in my power, but I did not harm you, whom the Lord made King.
1 Samuel 26:23

BIRTHS

COOTE - On January 28th, to Bettina (née English) and Nicholas, a son George Richard.

McCARTHY - On January 20th, to Grace (née McGinty) and Richard, a daughter, Katharine Elizabeth.

STEDMAN - On January 25th, to Caroline (née Ready) and Christopher, a daughter Annalise Evelyn.

TUTTY - On February 1st, to Kate and Robin, a daughter, Sophia Katharine Rycroft, a sister to Charles, Alexander and Gregory.

DEATHS

BLOW - On February 3rd 1989, Ingeborg, beloved wife of Douglas and dearest mother of Barbara, Colin and Kay, Howard and Gina. Dear grandmother of Simon, Alexandra, Jonathan and Christopher. Funeral service and interment at St. Alphege Church, Solihull, on Friday February 10th at 11.am. Flowers please to her home or Thomas Brags & Son, 562 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, W. Midlands by 10.am.

BOURNE - On February 1st suddenly at home, S. P "Hal" Bourne aged 75 widower of Anne. Beloved son, father, father in law, grandfather and brother. Much loved by all the family. Funeral 2.30 pm at home and then 3pm. Colwyn Bay Crematorium. Tuesday 7th February. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

COLLIER - On February 1st 1989, peacefully in hospital, Gladys (nanny Eley), in her 93rd year. Much loved sister aunt and nanny to the Eley family. Funeral Service at St Brides Church, Fleet Street, on Friday February 10th at 11.00 am. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Sons Ltd, 28-30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. 01-948 1351.

COPESTAKE - On January 31st 1989, suddenly in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Barry. Deeply mourned by his wife Mavis, and all his family. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Caversham, Reading on Thursday February 9th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, to Leicester Royal Infirmary, Ward 16 and Lister Ward, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL.

DAVIES - On February 3rd, 1989 at St. Thomas' Hospital, John Gordan Davies MA, MB, BChir, aged 61, of Singapore & Javea, Spain. Much loved husband of Aurea, father of Christopher, Jeremy and Alison and grandfather of Jonathan, Laura, Oliver, Charles and Edward. Cremation at Putney Vale on Thursday February 9th, 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Cancer & Radio Therapy Research Fund, St. Thomas' Hospital Special Trustees, London SE1.

EASTWOOD - On February 3rd, peacefully at home, Catherine Emma (née Peel), aged 82. Widow of Christopher, dearly loved and loving mother of Harriette, Lucilla, Charlotte and Basil and beloved grandmother. Funeral at St. James' Church, Stonesfield, Friday February 10th at 2.30 pm. Family (or simple) flowers only.

EMANUEL On February 3rd 1989 at the London clinic Vera widow of Sydney and mother of Val and Tim. Family funeral Golders Green 3.50pm Wednesday February 8th.

GARNER - On February 2nd 1989, peacefully at Gwynedd General Hospital, Bangor, Robert Keith Garner, of the Old Granary, Tremadog, Gwynedd and formerly of Luton, Bedfordshire aged 64 years.

HARDING - On February 1st 1989, Dr. Morys Halliday, peacefully. Private cremation.

HOWARD - On February 1st 1989 at Worthing Hospital, after a short illness, Evelyn Mabel, for many years Deputy Head of St. Thomas Moore Secondary School, Chelsea, followed by lengthy voluntary service as hospital car driver in Worthing. Requiem mass at St. Mary of the Angels, Richmond Road, Worthing at 10am on Thursday February 9th, followed by cremation. Will be sadly missed by all her relatives, colleagues and many friends. Requiescat in Pace. Flowers to H. D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel: (0903) 34516.

KING - On February 1st, peacefully at his home, with great courage, Peter. Playwright and Director. Private cremation.

McCOY - On February 2nd peacefully at Holbeton, Oretta, wife of the late Captain J A "Bez" McCoy, Royal Navy, beloved mother of Jimmy, Peter and Anthony and much loved grandmother.

MENZIES - On February 2nd 1989, Lt. Col. William Menzies T.D. aged 81, beloved husband of Joscelíne Menzies, and father of Roderick and Iain. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, on Thursday February 9th, at 11.30, and afterwards at Roehampton Club. Flowers or Donations to Kidney Research. Enquires to Farnham Funeral Service. Tel: (0252) 711444.

DEATHS

NASH - On January 30th 1989, suddenly near his home in Maidenhead, Stan, aged 62 years (retired British Airways). Husband of the late René, a much loved brother, uncle and nephew. He will be sadly missed. Funeral service at St Marks Church, Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Tuesday February 7th at 12.30pm, followed by interment in Branksome Cemetery. Floral tributes or, if desired, donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o Yeatmans Funeral Directors, 24 Albert Rd, Parkstone, Dorset. Tel (0202) 741340.

PRESTOE - On Saturday February 4th, peacefully at The Garden House, Christadelphian Home, Acocks Green, Dr Carrie, aged 89. Will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends. Service and Cremation at Perryharr Crematorium on Friday February 10th at 2.30pm. Flowers to William Peisker, 398 Yardley Road, South Yardley, Birmingham 25, or donations to a Charity of your choice.

PUCKLE - On February 3rd 1989 Antony Maynard Puckle MBE (Mil), of Old Robins, Broughton, Stockbridge, Hants. beloved husband of Diana, much loved father of Simon, Jill and Penny and loving grandfather and greatgrandfather. Cremation private. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Broughton on Thursday February 9th at 3.00pm. Flowers to Chesters, Romsey. Donations to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London, W1.

SCOTT - On February 3rd 1989, Eleanor (née Dawson), in hospital. Much loved wife of Maurice and mother of Alison, Sheila and Jean. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium Thursday February 9th, at 2.30pm. Flowers to Reeves and Pain, 288, Abingdon Rd, Oxford.

STEWART - On February 3rd peacefully Sir Herbert Stewart C.I.E. aged 98, greatly loved husband of Elsie, and formerly of Eva, and dear father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral service 3-45pm Thursday, February 9th at Bournemouth Crematorium, followed by burial in Ulster. No flowers please but donations if desired for St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, but donations may be sent to Messrs. Derric-Scott, Portman Lodge, Bournemouth.

WELCOOP - On January 30th 1989, suddenly at the Westminster Hospital, Simon, of Wellington Court, Knightsbridge, a dearly loved husband and father.

WOOD - On February 3rd, Evelyn May, aged 87 years, widow of Colonel W. de B. Wood, R.A.E.C. Cremation Chichester Crematorium, Wednesday February 8th at 4.30pm. Flowers to W. Wraight & Son, The Square, Emsworth, Hampshire.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GILSENAN - The Funeral of Wing Commander Terence Gilsenan will take place in the Chapel of Lancing College, on Thursday 9th February at 11 am. Flowers to H.D Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. (0903) 34516 or Donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ABELL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir George Abell, K.C.I.E. will be held in the Chapel of Marlborough College on Friday 3rd of March at 2.30 pm. by kind permission of The Master. It would be most helpful if those wishing to attend would advise J.N. Abell, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1SB (Tel: 01-628 4030). The 1.00 pm train from Paddington arrives at Swindon at 1.51 pm and will be met if notice is given.

HAMILTON-DAVIES A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, February 7th, at 2pm in The Chapel of Nuestra Señora-La Virgina: Marbella, in remembrance of the first anniversary of Peter's tragic death.

McDONNELL - Dr Kevin McDonnell KSG, former Warden of Lilian Penson Hall and of Q.M.C. Memorial Mass, Rosary Church, Marleybone Road (Underground Edgware Road) Friday February 10th at 11 am.

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MARRIAGES

McCLAY : TURTLE - On January 14th 1989, in West Bromwich, Dr. William J.A. McClay and Miss Karen Jane Turtle.

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DUDLEY-SMITH Dudley, Ruddy and Sally wish to thank relatives and friends for their very kind and sympathetic letters on the death of Jim.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Energy's strange matter

A novel source of nuclear energy could be on the way, if some current speculations about nuclear physics turn out to be correct.

According to researchers reporting in the February 2 issue of *Nature*, it would work when ordinary atoms are fed to a captive lump of so-called strange matter to produce energy.

Atomic nuclei are made of smaller particles called protons and neutrons. The nucleus of the hydrogen atom has just one proton: helium, the next simplest element, has two protons and two neutrons at its core. All the elements are built this way, with increasing but roughly equal numbers of protons and neutrons.

But atomic nuclei heavier than that of uranium (which always has 92 protons, and 146 neutrons in its most common form) are all unstable, and spontaneously fall apart. This is because the electrically-charged protons repel one another: the electric force generated by a lot of protons packed together in a small space would blow the nucleus to pieces were it not for a very strong, attractive nuclear force that holds the bundle of neutrons and protons together.

But this strong force only works over very short distances and is overcome by electric repulsion in very big nuclei with many protons. Protons and neutrons, we now know, are themselves made of smaller particles called quarks, which come in several varieties and often clump together in threes. Two "up" quarks and a "down" quark make a proton, while two "downs" and an "up" make a neutron.

Atomic nuclei, with similar numbers of protons and neutrons, are a bit like the Grand Old Duke of York and his 10,000 men: about half are up and half down, on aggregate. But there are other quarks, and one of these is the "strange" quark.

A few years ago, Edward Witten, a physicist at Princeton University, suggested that an equal mixture of up, down and strange quarks could form stable lumps of strange matter that, unlike conventional atomic nuclei, would not decay into smaller pieces if they were heavier than a certain amount.

But no strange matter has been found, despite a number of searches. West German physicist M. Brugger and his colleagues report negative results from an elegant series of experiments in the same issue of *Nature*. They fired uranium atoms at a target made from an iron meteorite, to see what bounced back.

This could only happen if a uranium atom hit something heavier than itself, and because no naturally occurring element is heavier than uranium, something like a "nugget" of strange matter would be needed. The researchers reasoned that a once-extraterrestrial object such as a meteorite would have been more likely to have picked up some strange matter during its eventful life than matter buried in the Earth.

Brugger and his colleagues found nothing, and Gordon Shaw and his fellow researchers from the University of California at Irvine and from Oxford University, suggest that the best way to see if strange matter exists is to try to make some.

New accelerators at CERN, the European nuclear physics laboratory near Geneva, and at Brookhaven on Long Island, New York, are capable of smashing together nuclei with enough force to make, temporarily, a hot blob of up and down quarks and possibly even create strange quarks as well. If conditions were favourable, say Shaw and colleagues, tiny but stable droplets of strange matter could be made in these atom-smashers.

Having produced this initial droplet, ordinary matter can be fed into it simply by propelling nuclei, at modest energies, towards it. The fact that strange matter is supposed to be more stable than normal atomic matter means that the strange droplet can capture the incoming nuclei and convert some of the up and down quarks into strange quarks, releasing energy at the same time.

Such a device would be a much more efficient and potentially cleaner energy-producer than a conventional nuclear reactor. Although the nuclear physics behind it is unproven, the experiments are fairly simple, and the idea could be either disproved or made to work in a few years.

David Lindley

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The Army

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LIEUTENANT COLONELS: G M Kennedy-Smith RE (Svy) - To D Mil Svy. 6.2.89; P W Morling RCT - To RARDE. 6.2.89; A J M Smetham RCT - To be CO HQ 157 Tpt Regt. 6.2.89; S R Stanford-Tuck RCJ - To be CO 1 RGJ. 6.2.89; J R M Hackett WFR - To be CO 1 WFR. 6.2.89; C R Langton IG - To HQ LONDIST. 6.2.89; T E M Richardson R Signals - To MOD 6.2.89; W F Shuttlewood 2 GR - To MOD(PE). 6.2.89.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Not to worry

So this was the historic moment. It was the last weekend of British television as we have known it, the end of the cosy duopoly, and public service responsibility: *après* Clive James, *le déluge*. But who, at the moment of the much-vaunted launch last night, could tell?

I have taken the precaution of spending the last couple of weeks in Germany, fully wired up to the old-style Sky Channel, Super Channel and some 14 other conduits of available television, and I conclude that our worst fears are misplaced. Whatever the archaeological attractions of *The Ghost and Mrs Muir* (until now on Sky at 7pm) or the black-and-white Western *Wanted Dead or Alive* (Super Channel at 7pm), they have at present detracted not a whit from the excellent balance of drama, current affairs and high-level cultural programming on German and Austrian television.

It may be objected that any threat is long-term, not short-term. But satellite will not be all game shows and old soaps. The most characteristic features of these channels have been first, the top ten pop videos, repeated repeatedly, and second, long and boring adverts for smoke alarms. But Sky's *Fun Factory* is no worse than similar kids' offerings over here; *The D.J. Kat Show* is like Rolf Harris without Rolf Harris.

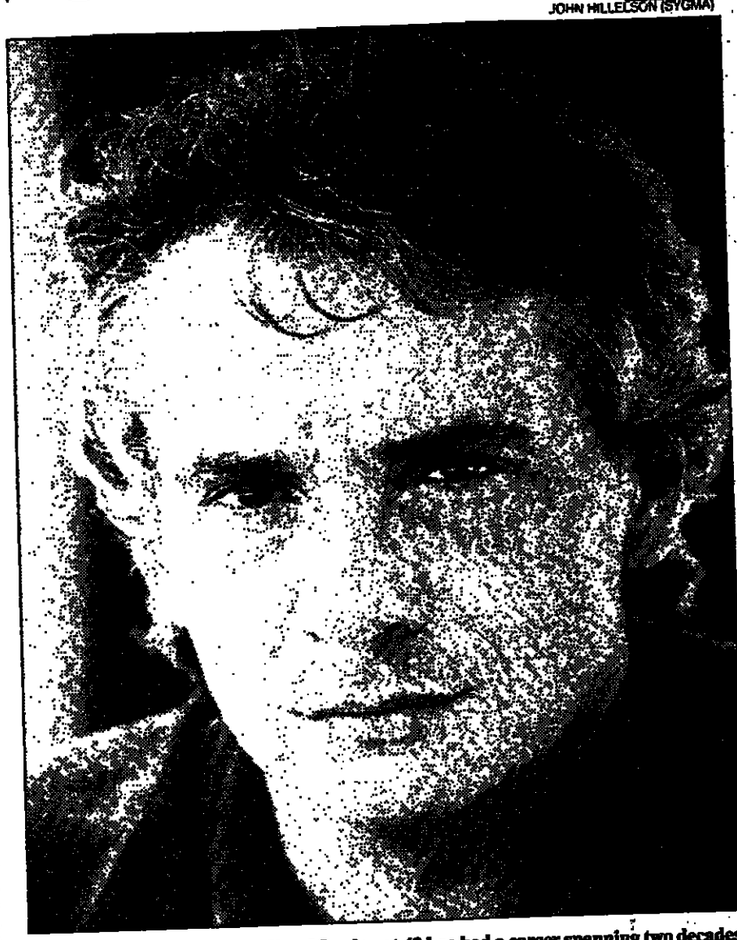
It was noticeable at the weekend that while *The Media Show* (Channel 4) avoided the satellite subject, with intelligent pieces on cinema distribution in Glasgow, American news cartoon strips, and film-versus-video for studio drama, the BBC declared open season on the new medium. On *Carrott Confidential* (BBC1) Jasper had a feeble go at the ads for satellite, while on *Saturday Night Clive* (BBC2), where the ubiquitous one has at last found a format that really suits him, the targets were much more apposite: the endless images of the Landscape Channel, grass growing and a washing machine washing. A zany Australian news reader on the show said: "What's sillier than a TV set that's off? It just sits in the corner of the room, useless . . ." Every TV man must be hoping that turns out to be how the public thinks.

William Holmes

Jonathan Meades on the powerful popular appeal of Michel Sardou, a singer quintessentially French

The voice of a people

JOHN HILLELSON (SYGMA)



The embodiment of France: Michel Sardou at 42 has had a career spanning two decades

We are a long way from France, divided by a common sea, burrowing beneath which will merely abbreviate the journey there — it will not bring it closer, it will not enable us to know this alien land any better than we do now. I do not mean the France of Eurocracy or that of Dordogne gites nor that of the carnal beaches of the south. I mean the core, France's France, that which is peculiar and private to the nation and, especially, to the silent majority, *les petits gens*.

Now that French is no longer the *lingua franca*, the insularity of francophone popular culture is reinforced; its artefacts are not fabricated with one eye on the American market, and a singer such as Michel Sardou — not that he has any living peer — can address a constituency he knows with an intimacy born of a shared culture, with a wilfully self-conscious Frenchness.

Sardou's show at the vast, ugly, pyramidical Omnisport at Bercy on the night of his 42nd birthday — one of 18 shows he has just played to a combined audience of 215,000 people — was, indeed, self-consciously French to the point where it seemed less an entertainment, more a quasi-nationalistic rite. A rite informed by chauvinism (we must never forget that Chauvin was a Frenchman), religiosity and the dutiful adoration of a popular singer who, to his audience, is evidently the embodiment of France.

This, of course, is something that he has courted throughout his 20-year career — it would be an unimaginable aspiration in a British popular singer, but then the appellation *chanteur populaire* is only misrepresented by its literal rendering as popular singer, and pop singer is even wider of the mark.

Michel Sardou belongs to — even if he traduces a tradition that has no anglophone equivalent — the tradition of Piaf, Brassens, Barbara and Brel; that the latter two were Belgian doesn't lessen their Frenchness as artists. This is a tradition of (mostly) intelligent lyric writing, of anecdote, social realism, political engagement, specific topographies — and even when the sense of place is applied to Amsterdam (Brel) or Gottingen (Barbara) the sentiment, the angle and the vision are unequivocally French.

The litany of American place names that contaminate some of Sardou's songs possesses the innocent exoticism of Pierre Loti, tempered by the wry admission that the places never live up to the mythic names of cinematic fiction. A Frenchman can embrace America with a wholeheartedness born of the knowledge that his culture is less pervious to American colonization than that of, say, Britain.

Sardou made his name in the late Sixties, the epoch of *les évenements*, with a series of popular songs wittingly designed to enrage his pavé-throwing, LBJ-taunting coevals: "Les Ricains" (The Yanks), in which he says: "Had the Yanks not been here you'd all be Germany." "Monsieur le Président de France": "I'm writing from Michigan to tell you that there's a white cross at Avranches which bears my name — a guy who didn't give a toss about you, left Georgia to die in Normandy at your side. Who are these bastards who are burning my flag?" "Si J'avais un frère": "If I had a brother in Vietnam, I'd write to him as though I was his girl."

You wonder with a shudder what he would have written had his career begun a few years earlier, at the time of the OAS: "Le Temps des Colonies" gives some indication: "In those blessed colonial days I had endless black flunkeys and four girls in my bed." I didn't see a single immigrant at Bercy among the 12,000 mainly middle-aged, mainly *petit-bourgeois* punters. Sardou is "their" singer, "their" voice. However, he is not a balladeering Poujard, he is not an agent of Le Pen: too bright, too witty, too sceptical for that.

He possesses a sheerly wonderful voice, a voice of complete authority which — like that of a consummate actor — persuades his audience to believe in what he's singing. It's a voice that lends itself to anthem and epic. This facility prompts the composition of certain songs that are all vacuous grandiosity, a tendency that was aggravated at Bercy by his accompanying band of guitars, synthesizers, massive drum battery.

Still, when this epic idiom works, as in his recording with the LSO of *Les Lacs du Connemara*, it works better than well, it achieves a sublimity, a congruence of voice and verse and music, that is unparalleled in popular song anywhere. It's a bizarre meld of jig, soaring John Ford-style film score, dorsally electrifying sound effects, terror and lyric beauty. It mixes myth ("Lake monsters that appear certain summer evenings then dive again forever"); the story of one Maureen and of Sean Kelly who saw her dive naked into a lake and married her in the granite church at Limerick; a frightful meteorology; republicanism: "In Connemara the truce with the kings of England is not accepted."

This song, the penultimate of the show, was the only one represented in a manner different from its original recording; it was the only one, too, in which this great singer deigned to perform in a way that matched his voice — I'm referring to a little Hibernian reel he did as he disappeared upstage. For the rest he merely went through the motions, restricting himself to a gamut of two gestures and to a grimace of liverish petulance — understandable given that the composition of the band appeared to have determined the repertoire and forced him to omit much of his best work.

Perhaps, though, the collusion with the audience was such that the object of idolatry was not expected to be anything more than a simulacrum of himself. Even when a holograммatic cross appeared behind him and he stuck out his arms like Jesus ("I believe when I need to") he did so with a lack of physical conviction even though his voice was, as ever, mighty and awesome.

The show culminated in an extraordinary *tableau vivant*: the insalubrious leather-clad band disappeared and a couple of hundred extras dressed for *A Tale of Two Cities* struck a variety of poses while Sardou, still in black jacket, jeans, T-shirt and black leather trainers, sang a new song, about the compromises and excesses of the revolution, whose chorus, a masterpiece of either bathos or retrospective wisdom, is: "It had good intentions, the revolution."

The *tableau vivant*, so the programme notes, was staged "thanks to the participation of the mayoralty of Paris and its bicentennial committee". Michel Sardou, Order of Merit, Chevalier of Arts and Letters, is the embodiment of France, a macho Marianne — official.

RADIO

Catch it if you can

I didn't hear Charlotte Keatley's *My Mother Said I Never Should* (Radio 4, Monday repeated Saturday; director, Susan Hogg) under the best possible conditions: for most of its duration I was pounding down a motorway. It did guarantee VHF and stereo, but quieter bits had to compete with road and engine noise.

In short, I probably heard it in as good conditions as any radio playwright can rely on — and better in some ways, because driving leaves the listening faculty free to give its full attention. In spite of this, it must have been all of 20 minutes into a 90-minute broadcast before I had entirely got hold of what was going on.

This was one of those plays which dart back and forth in time and place, in and out of a haunting, childhood past. In many ways they are the stuff of radio. And directors and studio technicians love them. But it sometimes seems to me that in the pleasure of exercising their skills, the makers of such plays lose sight of the fact that listeners in less than perfect circumstances have to decipher what they hear — and quickly too, or they will give up and turn off. It is in my experience not uncommon to be well into a radio play and still looking for the sense of it. I invariably listen on tape, and can spool back and start again, but most people don't have that advantage.

On this occasion I never did quite grasp the significance of the echoing chorus of children's voices. But eventually the realities fell into place and I began to appreciate this study of four generations of women, of whom the youngest, Rosie, has been brought up to believe that her mother is her much older sister. Inevitably the painful truth slips out.

At this point Sonia Ritter as Rosie, having already built up a vivid portrait of a noisy and assertive girl, must have gripped all her listeners by the heart strings at the agony of her discovery that her true mother had forsaken her, and the fact that the reasons for it had seemed compelling at the time were neither here nor there. This was the high point of the acting, although the rest of a fine cast (Clare Kelly, Rosemary Leach, Ellie Haddington) made sure it didn't tower over them.

There has been a lot to enjoy in *Reflections on Australia* (Radio 3; producer, David Perry), a series of conversations by Michael Charlton with six eminent Australians. Antipodeans, it seems, and certainly their prime minister, respond to Charlton rather differently from their British counterparts. Here there is always a slight impression of two members of the same club discoursing on the basis of a large number of shared assumptions. But Prime Minister Hawke made it perfectly clear that on several occasions he didn't share his interviewer's assumptions at all; in fact he displayed a good deal of rather refreshing impatience.

The last meeting of the series was with Dame Elizabeth Murdoch, mother of Rupert, and a powerful lady still. Most of the talk centred on her late husband, Sir Keith, the first press baron of his line. The closing minutes of the interview, however, moved on to the subject of the second baron and the promise of a fascinating family portrait. There wasn't time for more than a sketch. Maybe someone else will fill it out?

David Wade

Strangers on the shore

OPERA

The Pearl Fishers
Coliseum

The ENO appear to have lost some faith in Bizet's *Pearl Fishers*. Philip Prowse's production of a year and half ago has returned with a much sparer look and many of the exotic and "colonial" items cut out. But Sally Day in her restaging has only done half a job. Some of the characters Prowse added to Bizet's cast list for the shores of Sri Lanka have been axed, others remain.

Prowse at least had a shot at conveying Bizet's excursion to the East, albeit an East seen through very European eyes. By removing so many of the decorations, scenic and dramatic, the production has become both prosaic and confusing: more a dog's dinner than a spicy Sinhalese serving.

The cast, all new to this opera at the Coliseum, looked impressive on paper. Troubles, though, were round the corner. It was clear that Cathryn Pope, one of the most promising of the ENO's new generation of sopranos, had a throat infection and was not in best voice for her first Leila. The exquisite cavatina "Comme autrefois", a pre-echo of Micaëla's Act III aria in *Carmen*, was restricted and only began to flow as the end came in sight. But enough could be heard to suggest that on recovery she may well sound as good a Leila as she looks.

Nadir, on the opening night's showing, does not now seem the right role for Arthur Davies. Despite a tatty costume, he was at ease in the famous duet with Zurga, but lacked the head tones for the Romance "Je crois entendre" in which he sounded quite unusually taxed. Or perhaps it is that Britain just does not breed the tenors for this role.

The sturdiest singing came from Alan Opie as a rugged Zurga. In the Act III duet with Leila — Cathryn Pope's main worries were now over — the authentic Bizet sound came through and Yan Pascal Tortelier was showing how well he conducts this composer.

Add in a solid Nourabad from John Tranter, and first-rate work throughout the evening from the chorus, and there are the makings of a proper *Pearl Fishers*. But it needs a bit more faith, plus the return of Philip Prowse to attend to what was his.

John Higgins

DONALD COOPER



Cathryn Pope and Arthur Davies

CONCERT

SCO/Davies
Queens Hall, Edinburgh

Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's present fluency and his comparatively newly-found euphonous language have together engendered suspicion in some quarters that his creative powers might be on the wane. After hearing the first of the projected cycle of 10 Strathclyde Concertos, all of which have been sponsored for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra by the Strathclyde Region, and are to be the focus of projects in local schools, a little part of me was tempted to agree. The second, for cello, on first acquaintance proved to be a very different animal.

Perhaps it was the intimacy of performing circumstances — the Queen's Hall is considerably friendlier to a chamber orchestra than the Albert Hall — or perhaps it was something to do with the solo instrument, but the concerto is possessed of both substance and eloquence, a darkly-coloured, powerful vision, though immediately accessible. Its predominant flavour is immediately established with an elegiac solo played over a sustained B flat pedal. This lyrical music is interrupted by pointed interjections which serve to set up some kind of dynamic reaction, leading to more veiled sounds of muted trumpets and string *tremolandi*. The formal and timbral echoes are very much of Sibelius.

The second movement of the three, a degree slower and cast in an arch-like shape, exploits further the 'cello's propensity for rhapsody, though again here there are dramatic flashes of orchestral colour. After an extrovert beginning, the finale proceeds in sombre fashion, closing the circle by coming home to rest on B flat.

Guided by the composer himself, the performance was bound to be thoroughly prepared, but it was also passionately concerned. In William Conway, the orchestra's young principal cellist, Davies found just about the perfect exponent for his piece. Conway's sound is exquisite, his musicianship deeply intuitive, and if Scotland's first desks are generally populated by such players, their orchestras need fear no rivals anywhere.

Stephen Pettitt

Thrills from nowhere

THEATRE

Utopia
Bush Theatre

Sir Thomas More discovered the impossibly perfect land of Utopia, or at least named it — the point of the name being its meaning in Greek: *not a place*. Likewise the lovely garden, fertile swamp, blistering desert and dead city conjured up by the two speakers in this play, exist only because their words have brought them into a tentative sort of being.

The couple are unnamed but, though a man they talk about named Bishop and a woman named Adele are evident fictions, building the garden, fleeing from the city, the couple see them as they would like themselves to be seen.

They never leave their bleakly modern hotel room, and a daring feature of Simon Vincenzi's set contrasts their felicitous verbal fantasies with mundane reality by exposing one of the theatre's original windows: beyond the bed we see real traffic inching along the Goldhawk Road.

Perhaps the couple have been lovers. More likely they see the inevitable extinction of love before they begin. But what matters is the fabric of shifting ideas they bring to the imagined relationship. Significantly, the title for the original, shorter version of the piece was "An Imitation of Life".

He is gratified to be told of Bishop's hunting expertise; she seems unimpressed by nice things said of Adele; both show ingenuity in countering criticism with sly put-downs that must then be accepted into the story.

And, while the details of roses and nomads and empty cinemas are being assembled, the pair roam around the room, slump on to the bed — he wanting action and order in what they do, she mocking this need.

The text is by Claire MacDonald, and the woman is given the firmer views; direction is by Pete Brooks, her co-founder of Impact Theatre. Their haunting new version preserves the originality and resonance of its predecessor while establishing more boldly the artifice. It is thrillingly performed by Jan Pearson and Richard Hawley, never more so than in the astonishing hands-off struggle at the end, a poignant case of all holds barred.

Jeremy Kingston

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MONDAY PAGE


STEPHEN MARKESON

Far-sighted vision of reality: the process of making an omelette or driving a car can be easily learnt, says Dorothy Rowe; how we live can be less clear to us

Portable therapy

Do you understand the reasons for your actions? Dr Dorothy Rowe does, and wants to share the secret. Nigella Lawson reports

Here's a dilemma: you are faced with a situation where you can act in only one of two ways. In the first way, people will like you but you will not respect yourself; in the second, people will not like you but you will keep your self-respect. Which do you choose?

Plump for the latter and, according to Dorothy Rowe, you are an introvert. But if you agonize, knowing that self-respect is the socially respectable option but fear above all else being disliked, you are an extrovert. "We kept seeing that all the time in the contrast between Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan," Rowe says. "She's simply not bothered about being liked. She *knows* she's right and she's going to do it. Whereas Ronald Reagan, every time he had made a terrible blunder, had to get out on to TV screens and reassure himself he was still liked. . . Mrs Thatcher and I operate in the same way: anybody who criticizes me is a fool."

It is, however, difficult to see many similarities between this woman, who has dedicated her life to the compassionate support of the depressed, and a person who wears her burnished intolerance as a cast-iron crown. "Dr Dorothy Rowe, seer, has qualities which to my mind place her somewhere between sainthood and genius," her friend Fay Weldon said of her. You can't see her saying that about Margaret Thatcher.

Rowe came to Sheffield from Australia 20 years ago to do a PhD, four years later went to Lincoln, where she became the local area health authority's head of clinical psychology, and has now returned to "the republic of South Yorkshire" to write and practise privately. *The Successful Self*, her sixth book, out this week, is the product of her release from the health service. It was with her third book, *Depression: The Way Out of Your Prison*, that she found her voice and her readership. Published in 1983, it has since gone through six reprints and has sold 60,000 copies.

Depression is a milestone in writing of this sort. In it Rowe forged a new language, a new way of writing for people needing help, a style that has remained distinctly her own: intelligent, wide-ranging in its references but never patronizing, drawing on anecdote and parable but not in the sermonizing vicar's tell-it-to-the-children manner. Above all, she shows the process by which we have brought ourselves to the position of needing help, and the process by which we can equip *ourselves* to help ourselves. The processes by which we do many things — make a chair, cook an omelette, drive a car — can be easily learnt. How we live, which is, as she puts it, "how we construct meaning", can be less clear to us, and that is why we get depressed.

"As the ancient Chinese used to say, the fish is the last to discover the water."

There are two things that spur Dorothy Rowe on to writing: the first is her own "search for clarity" (which she identifies as a feature of being an introvert); the second her horror at cruelty. We can cope with cruelty when it is far away, but not, she believes, when it is in front of us. "There is terrible, terrible suffering in the psychiatric system and it's unnecessary. There's enough suffering as it is. We don't know how to cure cancer. We suffer if we lose the people we love, but that's enough suffering. We don't need to create more, yet the whole psychiatric system is geared to cause people more suffering." She has always had scathing words about psychiatrists and psychologists. Trying to explain to such people the "subtleties and complexities" of depression, she has said, "is like trying to explain colour to the innately blind".

She dismisses psychoanalysis and dynamic psychotherapy (or how she feels it will be encountered in a great number of its practitioners — powermongers nearly all, in her eyes) equally readily, and has written a foreword to Jeffrey Masson's *Against Therapy: Emotional Tyranny and the Myth of Psychological Healing*, to be published here in June. She offers herself, then, as a short cut to succour, the portable therapist.

So can she help us? As the title suggests, *The Successful Self* is concerned with how we can make the most of ourselves, "how we can elaborate on our sense of existence". What stops us, she says, is that we don't know how we exist. We assume that there is one Absolute Reality, when the only reality that can be said to exist is that we all experience different realities. Until now she has argued consistently against the rigid identification of "types" so beloved of psychologists. So her assertion in *The Successful Self* that we are all either introverts or extroverts, and that this is what defines how we see reality, is something of a bombshell. She cites Eysenck's finding that there is a physiological cause (introverts have a higher state of arousal of the cortex than extroverts), but when pressed admits that she is "not sure" about these physiological reasons.

'Mrs Thatcher and I operate in the same way: anybody who criticizes me is a fool'

By her explanation, extroverts fear annihilation by isolation and introverts fear annihilation by chaos — this is just how we are. But maybe the way in which an infant perceives the threats to its identity — by lack of attention, or a confusing quantity of stimuli — determines what the adult sees as most terrifying in later life? Nevertheless, the extrovert-introvert distinction holds true, Rowe says, because we do appear to see reality in two distinct ways. "Observed behaviour" doesn't help in knowing what we are. It's not as simple as thinking that bubbly talkative types are extrovert, while people who like to sit and read in a corner are introvert. All the distinction points to is the different ways we have of "constructing meaning . . . not a category to fit into, but a way of working out what your priorities are". The introvert sees "inner reality" as what defines him or her; for the extrovert, "external reality" is more real. Rowe quotes from the Talmud: "We see things not as they are but as we are." If we can learn to see how we see things, to understand that our reality is not our neighbour's reality, then we open ourselves to a greater number of possibilities — a sort of market economy of the mind.

This is what will help. What hinders this are the messages we get from childhood onwards. "Child experts" — Rowe scoffs at the term — tell parents to present a united and consistent front to their children. This, she believes, does the children the greatest possible harm. If parents differ, they show that there are different ways of seeing things. If we grow up believing that if we are good then bad things can't happen to us we will grow up confused and stunted, Rowe says, forever believing that there is a reality that we must conform to, and it is our failure to do so that brings about these bad things that do inevitably happen. Not that things change when we grow up. Under a nanny Prime Minister who tells us that there is one way of doing things, and if we do them that one right way we will be rewarded, the possibilities for self-realization are not encouraging. Rowe's glorious anarchy is more inviting.

● The Successful Self *is published by Fontana on Thursday (£3.95)*

Biting the hand that proposes

Why do women insist on taking a passive role when it comes to proposing marriage? Libby Purves pops the question

There are certain things a woman is traditionally allowed to get through life without doing: changing sump oil, shaving and proposing marriage. And of all the unenviable tasks of the male, proposing is surely the worst. How on earth does one nerve oneself to make such a monstrous demand as the sharing of bed, fortunes, lineage and children for ever, while risking a crushing refusal?

Most men, a straw poll reveals, actually wait until they are more than sure of a favourable answer: but nonetheless, all the woman needs to do is drop a series of heavy — but deniable — hints. The man is still left with the lonely terror of putting the thing into words. No wonder arranged marriages have flourished for so many centuries in so many cultures; it must be easier to take a refusal from a potential in-law than from the bride.

The whole dreadful business is brought before us by an anthology anticipating St Valentine's Day, entitled *Proposals*. It leans heavily on the last 200 years of freely chosen marriage: the editors have plucked the moments of truth from Stendhal and Fanny Burney, from Thackeray and Iris Murdoch and Pushkin and Trollope. In fiction, as in life no doubt, some are brief and blissful, but most of them are long-winded, tortuous, and painful to read. Mr Rochester speaks to Jane Eyre by moonlight of the "tight knotted string" that binds her ribs to his; Mr Collins pompously assures Elizabeth Bennett that "no ungenerous reproach" for her poor dowry shall ever pass his lips after they are wed; and young Daisy Ashford, pressing hard with her pencil in *The Young Visiters*, puts Bernard through his paces as only a nine-year-old female could. "Words fail me ejaculated Bernard horsly my passion for you is intense he added fervently." All Ethel has to do is lie back "breathing rarther hard" and claim that This is so sudden.

She is wise to choose this passive role. Most of the dreadful, searing rejections in the collection occur, the editors admit, when a woman is so unwise as to propose to a man. Tatyana gets the brush-off from Eugene Onegin; Byron can't be bothered with Claire Clairmont, although she writes that she can never forget "the gentleness of your manners and the wild originality of your countenance"; and worst of all, Rosamond Lehmann's Judy pours out her honest love to Roddy in a late-night letter, to be met the next day with a smooth cold British countenance and a remark that he thought her note "a little odd".

But it is the real-life proposals rather than the fiction which stick in one's memory with cautionary force. Henry VIII was, one is glad to see, rejected by at least one bride: he had a go at making Mary of Guise his fourth wife, assuring her father, the King of France, that she was a big woman and he needed a good big wife. "I may be big in person," said Mary, apparently much amused, "but my neck is small!" Victoria had to propose to Albert for reasons of protocol, but he made it sweetly easy for her in delicate sentimental German.

Herbert Spencer proposed to George Eliot, on one knee and grasping her hand, but "completely omitted the ceremony of removing his high hat" and failed. Wildest of all the unsuccessful proposals is told in Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. A fascinating minx called Honoria, sister to the Emperor but pregnant by her chamberlain at 16, was sent into "the irksome society of the Sisters of Theodosius and their chosen virgins" and thence embarked upon the desperate escape route of propositioning Attila the Hun. She sent him a ring by her faithful eunuch, an advance which he met with the inevitable male "coldness and disdain". To be turned down by Attila the Hun must be the nadir of humiliation.

There is no evidence in the book, and precious little outside it, that the women's movement has now set aside the convention that only a man proposes marriage.

Returning to my straw poll, a pattern emerges of female restiveness, heavy hints, sighs and tantrums — but rarely outright proposals. One girl, decisive and professional, had to emigrate to Toronto to bring her London lover to the point; unfortunately it misfired, he failed to follow her, and she was last heard of two years later, preparing to return to Britain to get a reluctant Canadian up to scratch. She could still be shuttling to and fro; yet the odd thing is that if she had asked him, the man might have said yes.

The asking is the difficult bit. After all, as Bertie Wooster muses in the famous scene with Madeleine Fink-Nottle: "I am never at my best when the situation seems to call for a certain soupiness." Tragic, really, that women are so much better at the soupiness, but only men are meant to serve it up.

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● Proposals *by Laurence and Linda Kelly is published by Constable (£12.95)*

Punishing power

TALKBACK

From Martin Rosenbaum, The Children's Legal Centre, Compton Terrace, London N1

The Children's Legal Centre believes that it would be better if parents did not hit their children. We are promoting the amendment to the Children's Act to which Lynette Burrows refers (First Person, January 20) and which, if passed, would indeed be a parliamentary statement of disapproval for parental physical punishment, although not a legal ban on it.

Research evidence shows that the more children are punished physically, the more likely they are to be aggressive themselves, and the less likely they are to exercise self-discipline. Other research documents the link between physical punishment and child abuse. While there is clearly a world of difference between smacking and systematic assault of children, there is also a continuum of violence between them. Some parents unfortunately start at one end of this continuum and, as they find their punishments are ineffective, they escalate into greater and greater violence.

Adults also sometimes do not realize their own strength when dealing with children. The centre knows of cases where "clips round the ear", for example, have resulted in burst eardrums and permanently damaged hearing.

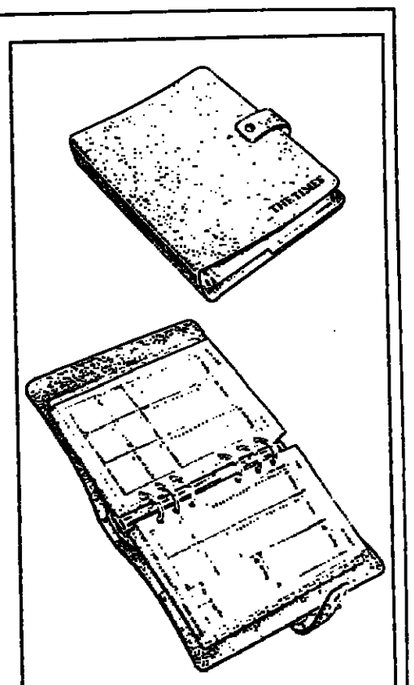
From Henrietta Forrest, Drayton, Longport, Somerset

How absolutely I agree with Lynette Burrows. As the mother of two small boys aged four and seven, I use smacking as a punishment without guilt on my side, or any ill-effect on the boys. After repeated verbal warnings and threats a smack straightens it all out. He is being deliberately defiant and disobedient, therefore he is punished. Quickly over and done, and then we can dry the tears and get on with the day.

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Manly approach to a pressing issue

PENNY PERRICK

I am not at all grateful to Phillips for publishing *A Man's Guide to Ironing*. Devoting a number of pages to choosing and operating an iron, plus giving detailed instructions on how to hang up recently-ironed garments, will only confirm men in their ridiculous belief that ironing is a mega-production number on a par with painting the Sistine Chapel or taming a brace of lions.

I hope I never have to go through the hell of helping a man choose an iron once he has learnt the *Man's Guide* off by heart. "This one comes with a navy blue trim," the sales assistant will say invitingly. "Yes, but what *shade* of navy?" our hero will respond, clearly under the impression that unless it has the Jean Muir seal of approval, his shirts will never be smoothed into a state of uncrumpledness. He will insist on every ironing board in the shop being unfolded while he barks out involved questions about thermodynamics.

At the end of the day (a day that seems like a year to everyone else involved) he will know everything there is to know about ironing except for two vital things — the first being that it is a chore to be undertaken mindlessly while daydreaming about your lover, or thinking about wearing the navy jacket with the beige trousers, or while watching some not very funny television sitcom, and the second being that, like most irksome little tasks, it is best undertaken on a regular basis.

Men, who all have a bit of the Cecil B. De Mille mentality, like to do things big. So they will wait until they have three dozen unironed shirts and then set to, with the result that your home occasionally gets transformed into a Chinese laundry.

I don't suppose the *Man's Guide* warns of the perils of ironer's elbow, an illness restricted to those who refuse to believe in the doctrine of little but often, so that, after a marathon stint of wielding hot metal, the sufferer feels, and behaves, as though he really *has* painted the Sistine Chapel.

The *Man's Guide to Ironing* is the thin edge of the wedge, I feel. What next? Possibly a *Man's Guide to Flower Arranging*, which will make the placing of a few blooms in a receptacle sound as complicated as discovering DNA. Male flower-arrangers will insist that they can only get along with cow-parsley which comes from a certain field in Hampshire, that they need an electronic tape measure to make sure that the stalks are exactly the right height in proportion to the container to provide perfect floral harmony. They will scour the globe for out-of-season wallflowers, spend hours bolding twigs over a steaming kettle in order to get them to bend at a particular angle, and they will fill up cupboards with specially designed flower-arranging gloves and gadgets to split the stems of roses. They will sneer at your perfectly attractive arrangement of daffodils plonked in a jug and remark that if a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well.

Future publications will no doubt include a *Man's Guide to Tapestry*, which will pander to the male's overweening ambition by starting him off on a set of covers for 12 dining-room chairs instead of a very small cushion.

The result will be that a hitherto relaxing pastime will become as fraught as a hostile take-over bid, as Tapestry Man tries to complete the design of intertwined garlands on a turquoise background before death parts him from his needle for ever.

I suppose you think that I am exaggerating, but I speak as one who was once invited to dinner at the home of a man who spent the entire meal in a mammoth sulk because he had been unable to obtain Greek-Cypriot parsley to sprinkle on the carrots, and had to make do with coriander. I rest my case.

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THEATRE

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☆ **BRIGADOON:** OK revival of Lerner and Loewe's misty Scottish musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St, SW1 (01-834 1317). *Tube Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm.* Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm, £8-£20. *Thurs mat, all seats half-price.*

☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Ian McKellen and Jane Asher in excellent Ayckbourn set in a future London serviced by willing robots.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm; Mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm. £7.50-£15.

☆ **THE LAST WALTZ:** Amanda Redman and *Cathryn Bradshaw in comic,* touching play about army wives; a success at the Soho Poly.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich (BR), 15 mins from Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3.50-£10.

☆ **LES PARENTS TERRIBLES:** Cocteau's steamy family drama, strongly cast with Elizabeth Shepherd, Caroline Blakiston and Roland Curram.
Orange Tree Theatre, 42 Kew Road, Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Fri and Sun 7.30pm, £3-£6.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Geraldine McEwan and Sara Kestelman take over the leads in Peter Shaffer's smash comedy in which two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **SIBLINGS:** Klaus Mann's version of Cocteau's *Les Enfants Terribles,* glossed with his intense feelings for his own sister.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, £6.

☆ **THUNDER IN THE AIR:** Strindberg's first chamber play, exorcising the ordeal of his broken marriage with Harriet Rose.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat 8-9.10pm, £5.

☆ **THE WOMAN IN BLACK:** John Duttine and Charles Kay in adaptation of Susan Hill's ghost story.
Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£10.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre *(01-734 1166)* ... ☆ **Cats:** *New London* Theatre (01-405 0072) ... ★ **Follies:** *Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)* ... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** *Ambassador Theatre* (01-836 6111) ... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) ... ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf:** Sylvia Syms, James Bolam and Beatie Edney in Albee's *ferociously witty drama of a middle-aged marriage.*
Repertory Theatre, Broad Street (021 236 4455). Previews from tomorrow, *Mon-Sat 7.30pm,* £4.20-£9.95.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Blues for Mister Charlie:** Powerful production of James Baldwin's Sixties play about race murder in Dixie.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, £5-£6, Sat 8pm £5.50-£7.

FILMS

■ ***COCKTAIL* (15):** Would-be romantic comedy with macho trimmings, with Tom Cruise as a cocksure bartender saved from self-destruction by a down-to-earth young artist *(Elisabeth Shue)* (103 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.25, 3.40, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 4.20, 6.55, 9.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.
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Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.35.

DEAD RINGERS (18): David Cronenberg's sleek psychological *thriller about identical twins (Jeremy* Irons times two) who run a women's *fertility clinic and share the same* girlfriend (Genevieve Bujold) (115 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.10, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 12.15, 2.55, 5.40, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 8.45.

DIE HARD (18): One of America's box-office smashes last year, featuring *Moonlighting* star Bruce Willis as a New York detective caught on Christmas Eve in a terrorist attack on a high-rise office tower. With Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia; directed by John McTiernan (131 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs *2.00, 6.20, 9.10.*

■ **A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by *Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).*
***Cannon Fulham Rd** (01-370 2636).* Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
***Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310).* Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05.
≋ ***Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs* 1.45, 4.15 6.45, 9.15.

GORILLAS IN THE MIST (15): Michael Apsted's *film based on the true story of anthropologist Dian Fossey. With* Sigourney Weaver as Fossey and Bryan Brown (129 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-636 6148). Progs 2.10, 5.15, 8.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 8.30.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.15.

■ ***THE PRESIDIO* (15):** *Chase* sequences give some punch to Peter *Hyams's thriller, with Sean Connery and* Mark Harmon as the Army Provost *Marshall and San Francisco cop locking* horns over a convoluted murder (98 *min).*
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

PASCALI'S ISLAND (15): Mildly exotic period thriller directed by *Fatal Attraction* writer James Dearden (103 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, *6.20, 8.40.*
≋ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 4.15, *6.30, 9.00.*
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs *2.40, 4.40, 7.00, 9.00.*

RED HEAT (18): Sleek computer-programmed thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger as a top Moscow cop sent to Chicago to arrest a Russian drugs dealer (104 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.30, 10.05.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 6.00, 8.45.

SALAAM BOMBAY! (15): A country boy finding it tough going in the big city. A familiar story, but Indian director Mira Nair tells it with an authentic, hard-*hitting punch (113 min).*
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.

■ **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG):** *Energetic mixture of cartoons and* real life. Ace animation director Richard *Williams supplies a frantic array of* "toon" characters, headed by Roger *Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the* dishevelled gumshoe Eddie Valiant. *(104 min).*
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs *1.40,* 4.10, 7.05, 9.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

The marriage wows



Alan Bates and Felicity Kendal (left) co-star at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, starting tomorrow. Bates takes the title role in Chekhov's *Ivanov*, and Felicity plays his wife, Anna Petrovna, whose death near the end of the play leaves him free to marry the much younger Sasha (Karen Ascoe), unless he changes his mind or shoots himself. The play gave Chekhov his first stage success — his letters at the time reveal his tremendous excitement — but he revived it several times after the Moscow premiere, trying to make his intentions clear to an audience accustomed to the sentimental and melodramatic plays of an earlier generation. The hero was a new brand of character, a man of promise who has outlived his optimism, a landowner neglectful of his property — "My land looks at me as an orphan looks at a stranger" — who has watched his steward (Nicky Henson) swindle him and not exerted himself to stop it. The play is rich in supporting roles, and the company includes Peter Sallis, Frank Thornton, Sheila Steful and Philip Franks. Elijah Moshinsky also directed an excellent *Three Sisters* at Greenwich two years ago, which successfully transferred to the West End, and *Ivanov*, after touring Richmond and Bath, will open in the West End in April. Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook, Guildford (0483 60191). ***Jeremy Kingston***

MUSEUMS

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS: Exhibition of items from private collections around Lincolnshire.
Lincoln City and County Museum, Broadgate, Lincoln (0522 30401). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, adults 25p, children 10p. Until May.

***LONDON ILLUSTRATED:** Exhibition of* the work of eight young former Royal *College of Art illustrators.*
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free. Until Feb 12.

VILLAGE OF FELLBRIDGE: The social history of a Sussex community.
East Grinstead Town Museum, East Court, *College Lane, East Grinstead,* Sussex (0342 22511). Wed and Sat 2-4pm, free. *Until Mar.*

THE CENTURIES: Exhibition looking at the steel town in the 1700s and 1800s.
Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield (0742 768588). Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm, free. Until Feb 18.

BLAEGWAWR — THE WAY WE WERE: The *social history of this part of South* Wales.
Welsh Industrial and Maritime **Museum,** Bute Street, Cardiff (0222 *481919). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun* 2.30-5pm, free. Until Feb 12.

MACHINE: Industrial embroidery exhibition.
Pittville Pump Room Museum, Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, Glos (0242 512740). Tues-Sat 10.30am-5pm, 40p, conc 20p. Until Mar 11.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **SAWARD SOLOS:** Christopher Saward's *organ recital includes a* Fantaisie-Chorale from Tournemire's *L'Orgue Mystique,* Sweelinck's Fantasia *Ut re mi fa solo la,* Messiaen's *Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle,* a Toccata by Renaud, an Impromptu by Vierne.
St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, 1-2pm, free.

☆ **PANORMO PIECES:** The Panormo String *Quartet plays items by Purcell* and Mendelssohn.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, *Trafalgar Sq,* London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, *free.*

☆ **BACH TO BEASER:** The Conway-García flute and guitar duo present Bach's *Badinerie,* Debussy's *Le petit Nègre,* Handel's Sonata Op 1 No 11, Ravel's Greek Folk Songs, *Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Sonatina and* Beaser's Mountain Songs.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-*1.50pm, free.*

EVENING

CHRISTOPH CONDUCTS: Christoph Eschenbach conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra in a performance of Strauss's *Blue Danube,* Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4 and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 with soloist Tzimon Barto.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £2.90-£17.50.

☆ **DICK AFTERLIGHT:** The Lebanese *flautist Wissam Boustany performs* Robert Dick's *Afterlight,* Hanson's Serenade, *Copland's Duo and* Prokofiev's Sonata Op 94. The pianist is *Piers Lane, who undertakes Scriabin's* Sonata No 5.
Wigmore Hall, 36 *Wigmore* St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3.50-£10.

☆ **DEATH PLUS MAIDEN:** The Stamic Quartet *from Prague interpret* Schubert's Quartet D 810 "Death and *the Maiden", preceding it with Martinu's* Quartet No 6 and Haydn's Quartet Op 74 No3.
Queen's Hall, Clerk St, Edinburgh (031-668 3456), 7.45pm, £3.30-£6.60.

☆ **GOD GONE:** The Whitehall Choir and *Rosebery Orchestra are conducted by* Christopher Herrick in Finzi's *God is Gone Up* and *Magnificat,* Delius's *Walk to the Paradise Garden* and Vaughan *Williams's Sea Symphony.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£8.

☆ **JOHANNES JAUNT:** The Johannes Piano Trio offers Mozart's Trio K 542, Schubert's *Notturno* D 897, Brahms's Trio Op 101 and Ravel's Trio. A full and *substantial programme.*
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), *8pm,* £3.50-£6.

OPERA

☆ **THE MARTYRDOM OF ST MAGNUS:** Peter Maxwell Davies's compelling chamber opera presented by the new Musical Theatre Wales.
Dolman Theatre, Newport, Gwent (0633 59676) 8-10pm, £4 (£3 concs).

ROCK

☆ **BLACK:** Otherwise known as Colin Vearncombe, the Liverpudlian smoothie who has rarely performed live since 1987's enormously successful *Wonderful Life* album.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (01-580 9562) 7.30pm, £7-£8.

☆ **EXPRESSWAY/MISS B. HAVEN:** John Moore, ex-drummer of the Jesus And Mary Chain, unveils his new group Expressway; support is the intriguing Danish all-girl, rock-pop band Miss B. Haven.
Marquee, 105 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-437 6603) 7pm, £4.

☆ **POP WILL EAT ITSELF:** Black country ruffians who recently graduated *to major label status courtesy of RCA* records. Support is Nasty Rox Inc.
Academy, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth (0202 34465) 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **SUICIDE:** Return of the reconvened *synth-pop duo from New York whose* off-beam output in the Seventies was *way ahead of its time.*
Dingwalls, Camden Lock, London NW1 *(01-267 4967) 8pm-2am,* £5-£6.

DANCE

☆ **THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF DON QUIXOTE:** Christopher Gable's production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Sadlers Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-10.30pm £4-£16.

GALLERIES

ALAN DAVIE: Works on paper 1972-86.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5955), Mon-Fri 9-am-5.30pm, free, until March 1.

LETTERS FROM A CITY: Seascape and landscape paintings by Rob McCarthy.
369 Gallery, 233 *Cowgate,* Edinburgh (031 225 3010), Mon-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, *free, until Feb 25.*

SEAWALL — WAVE MOTION: An installation by Liz Rideal made from photo-booth pictures.
Towner Art Gallery, Borough Lane, Eastbourne (0323 411688), Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 12.

THE ART OF S.W. HAYTER: A retrospective for innovative British printmaker who lived in Paris.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041 357 3929), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, free, until Feb 26.

PRE-RAPHAELITE DRAWINGS: Works by all the Brotherhood's influential members: Rossetti, Millais, Ford Maddox Brown.
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square (021 235 2800), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until April 30.

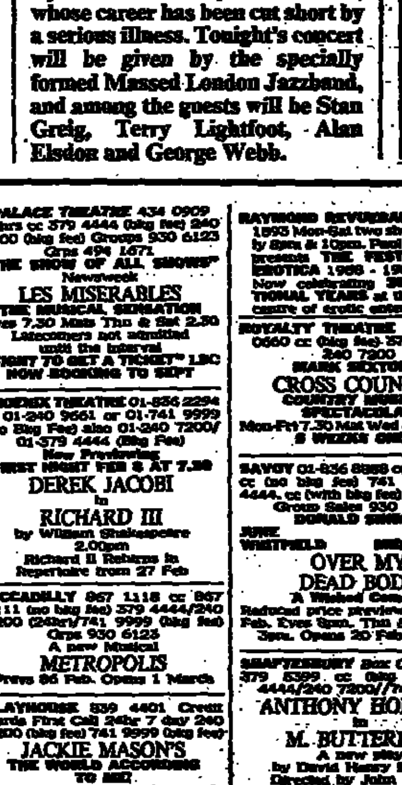
JAZZ

☆ **JOHNNY PARKER BENEFIT:** See caption.
100 Club, 100 Oxford St, London W1 (01-636 0933) doors open 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **EDDIE DANIELS:** The clarinettist provides fluent, if occasionally over-*decorative, selections from his recent* GRP albums, including *To Bird With Love.*
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

☆ **BRIT-MAGYAR QUINTET:** *Led by* baritone sax player George Haslam, the *Anglo-Hungarian band plays material* inspired by Ellington, Monk and Mingus.
Four Bars Inn, Castle St, Cardiff (0222 374962) 8.30pm, £3.80.

☆ **JIMMY KNEPPER:** The ex-Mingus trombonist is in residence until Thursday.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet St, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £4.50.



Acker Bilk (above) and Humphrey Lyttelton will be among the many trad jazz players and bandleaders gathering at the 100 Club in Oxford Street, London, tonight (see listing). The concert is being staged to raise funds for the pianist Johnny Parker, a former Lyttelton and Kenny Ball sideman, whose career has been cut short by a serious illness. Tonight's concert will be given by the specially formed Massed London Jazzband, and among the guests will be Stan Greig, Terry Lightfoot, Alan Elsdon and George Webb.

☆ **EDUARDO NIEBLA/ANTONIO FORCIONE:** Regular monthly session from the *tasteful Latin guitar duo.*
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £3.50.

WALKS

LEGAL LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND LAW COURTS: Meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (01-668 4019).

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: Meet Westminster tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

SOTHEBY'S SUSSEX SALE: Auction of militaria, edged weapons, medals, antique and modern *firearms.*
Sotheby's, Summers Place, Billingshurst, West Sussex (040381 3933), 2pm.

BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL: Selling exhibition of *fabric jewellery and* "wearable art" — hats, waistcoats, scarves — *in hand-painted* silk and embroidered felt.
***Hitchcocks,** 10 Chapel Row, Off* Queen's Square, Bath (0225 330646). *Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free.* Until March 11.

NATIONAL TRUST EVENT: Gervase Jackson-Stops OBE, *curator of the* "Treasure Houses of Britain" exhibition *held in Washington 1985-86,* looks at the court style and the country house between 1689 and 1714.
Purcell Room, South Bank Centre, London SE1, 5pm, £3 and £3.50 from the Royal Festival Hall box office (01-928 3191).

ACCESSION DAY GUN SALUTE: Spectators welcome at the *annual* salutes — the first at noon in Hyde Park *opposite the Dorchester Hotel,* by the King's troop; the second at 1pm at the *Tower of London* by the Honourable Artillery Company.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RSC AT THE BARBICAN: Booking for March, with *The Plantagenets* (*Henry VI* parts I, II and III; *Richard III* and *Edward IV*). Also, Edward Bond's *Restoration* in The Pit.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Booking for March, with Pinchas Zukerman in programme of Vivaldi, Mozart and first London performance of Neikrug work; Andrew Davis conducts with Matt Haimovitz (cello).
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

RACHMANINOV/TCHAIKOVSKY: Booking for four Thursday evening *concerts in March, featuring some of the* less familiar works of two of the most popular composers, played by BBC Symphony Orchestra. March.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LAST CHANCE

MADAMA BUTTERFLY: Last performance this season of Royal Opera production. Mark Ermler conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent garden, *London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).*

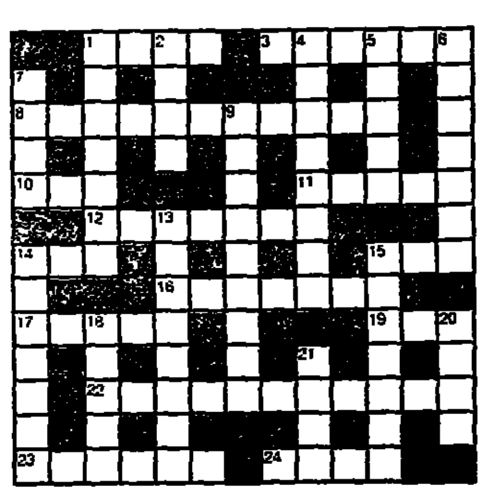
THE BITE OF THE NIGHT: Last performances this season of Howard Barker play based on classic teacher's visits to the 11 Troys of antiquity. Tonight and tomorrow.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond prize draw are: £100,000 16YZ 236821 (the winner lives in Warrington); £50,000 11LT 613580 (South Yorkshire); £25,000 2GT 304142 (Worcestershire).

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ACROSS

1 Emotionless (4)
3 Vocal emphasis (6)
8 Foolish boy (6,5)
10 Genetic code molecule (1,1,1)
11 Representative (5)
12 Rolled hair knot (7)
14 RASC (1,1,1)
15 Plus (3)
16 Fresh cut (3,4)
17 Anglesey strait (5)
19 Aged (3)
22 US wound medal (6,5)
23 Observing (6)
24 Swing to and fro (4)

DOWN

1 Dense (7)
2 Pause (4)
4 Amphibious raider (8)
5 Bonds computer (5)
6 Jogged (7)
7 Secondhand (4)
9 Play defensively (9)
13 Mercury arc rectifier (8)
14 Remus's killer (7)
15 Irregularity (7)
18 Weir overflow (5)
20 Love excessively (4)
21 Masticate (4)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

GISARME
(b) A type of long-staffed battle-axe carried by foot soldiers, from the Old French *guisarme*, probably from Old High German *getan* to weed + *isam* iron: "Some did their grisly gisarmes griad."

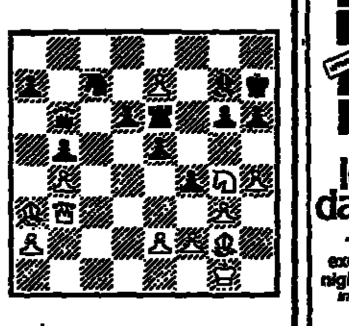
BUSTEE
(c) In India, a settlement or collection of huts, from the Hindi *basti* village, Sanskrit *vas* to dwell: "There is a dreary bustee in the neighbourhood which is said to make the most of any cholera that may be going."

OOF
(a) Money, originally *ooftish*, Yiddish/German for *auf (dem) Tische* on the table.

BILLON
(a) Base metal, especially *an alloy of silver* with copper, tin or the like, *from the French word* originally meaning mass: *"Small coins of silver and* gold washed billon were *struck in France during* parts of the last century."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game Keene (White) against Micheli (Black), Gstaad 1973. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

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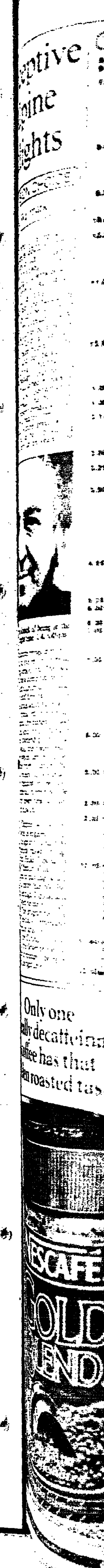
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1. Terence Davies's DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.20 3.15 5.10 7.10 9.10
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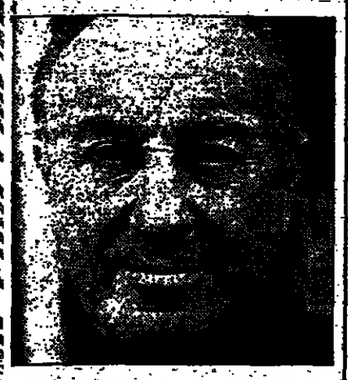
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Deceptive Alpine delights

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● One of the perks of doing a programme like *Horizon* (BBC2, 8.10pm) is being able to work in locations like the Alps. Who would not swap the hell of London commuting for a week or so in the gorgeous scenery of Austria and Switzerland? But, as tonight's programme demonstrates, the natural delights of the Alps can be deceptive. Pollution, in the form of vehicle exhausts and acid rain, and tourists, pouring in at the rate of 12 million a year and demanding ever more hotels, holiday homes, ski lifts and car parks, are threatening the survival of this beautiful wilderness. The message is that the Alps are too fragile to be disturbed in this way. Trees, plants and the soil itself are under siege. One boffin predicts that by the end of the century, if present trends continue, there will not be a healthy tree in the whole of Austria. Alpine grass, which stabilizes the soil, is only producing seeds once in every seven years. The



Feliks Topolski: a knack of being in the right place at the right time (C4, 3.45pm)

dilemma is that tourism brings in money and creates jobs, so the environmental lobby faces strong opposition. The best solution seems to be a compromise that will allow controlled tourism to exist side by side with traditional farming. *Horizon* reports from three areas which have been taking steps to check environmental decline. In Obergurgl, the highest village in Austria, the land and the hotels have remained in the ownership of local farmers. Grindelwald, the Swiss resort beneath the Eiger which derives 92 per cent of its income from tourism, has embarked on a policy of voluntary restraint. But it remains to be seen whether the commercial interests will be prepared to accept fewer new ski runs and car parks from now on.

● *Years Ahead* (Channel 4, 3.45pm) profiles an artist who is engaged on his biggest project at the age of 81. Under the arches of Hungerford railway bridge across the Thames, Feliks Topolski is constructing his "Memoir of the Century", a huge series of paintings which currently stands at more than 600 feet long and up to 16 feet high. Topolski says it will end only when he can no longer hold his brush. The programme is a reminder of Topolski's remarkable career as a reportage artist. From the London Blitz to the Coronation, from the Berlin Wall to the flower people, he has had the knack of constantly being in the right place at the right time.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Lone Ewal in *Panic in the Parlour* (b/w). 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.56 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes welcomes viewers' comments on the weekend's television programmes, and his guest, children's photographer Sandra Lousards.
9.30 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the effect guilt has on our lives.
10.00 News and weather followed by The Flintstones. Cartoon series (r).
10.25 Children's BBC presented by Andy Crane starts with Playbus 10.50 The Wombles, narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r). 10.55 Five to Eleven. Nicolette McKenzie with a reading.
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air introduced by Eamonn Holmes and Bob Wellings. The guests are animal trainer Ann Head with canine television star, Pippin; and children's photographer Sandra Lousards who gives advice on taking photographs of bonny babies.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live with Sue Cook, Judi Spiers, Tina Baker and their guests, the Count Basie Orchestra. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Lucy learns the truth about Rick. 1.50 Going for Gold.
2.15 Ironside. The Chief and his team are in a race against time to prove a case of jury-rigging before a gangster is allowed to go scot free. Starring Raymond Burr (r).
3.00 The Hogan Family. American domestic comedy series.
3.25 Bazaar. Judi Spiers and Fred Harris with another selection of money- and time-saving ideas.
3.50 Pigeon Street with the voices of George Layton and John Telfer (r).
4.05 Wizbit starring Paul Daniels (r). 4.15 Teacher Turtle. Cartoon series. 4.20 Jackanory. Jonathon Morris and Sophie Aldred with E Nesbit's *The Last of the Dragons*. 4.35 Defenders of the Earth. Animated science fiction series. (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. Mark Curry, Caron Keating, Yvette Fielding and hundreds of children make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.30 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Terry Wogan launches the second Red Nose Day and meets some of the people who will be taking part in Comic Relief in March.
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series presented by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton. This week's edition includes a report on company providing leaky conservatories; and an item on an organization that encourages small businesses to pay for unnecessary business registration certificates.
8.00 Clarence. Comedy series about a myopic removal man living in the Oxfordshire countryside with the woman in his life, Jane. With Josephine Tewson. (r).
8.30 Amazing Animals: Daylight Robbery! A documentary about the felonious skills of the grey squirrel (r).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama: Factory Fresh — the Food Revolution. Vivian White examines whether or not the farming systems that brought about the mass production of eggs will reach other foodstuffs.
10.10 Film: Chiller (1985) starring Michael Beck, Beatrice Straight and Paul Sowino. A made-for-television horror movie about a young man, cryogenically frozen for a decade, who is accidentally de-iced and cured of his disease. But the recovered man is not the same person he was 10 years ago. Directed by Wes Craven.
11.40 Advice Shop presented by Hugh Scully and Helen Madden. Includes advice for people with mortgage problems (r).
12.10am Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Mike Morris; 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by by Mike Morris and Jayne Irving; 8.00 News; 8.05 News and After Nine which includes Ruby Wax talking about her pregnancy.
9.25 The Pyramid Game. Quiz show hosted by Steve Jones. The guests are Dee Hepburn and Stefan Dennis. 9.55 Thames news and weather.
10.00 The Time. . . The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on fortress living. With tower block residents and representatives of the Metropolitan Police.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley.
12.10 Playbox with Pat Coombs and Keith Chegwin. 12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville. 1.20 Thames news and weather.
1.30 Film: Oh Godl, Book II (1980) starring George Burns, Suzanne Pleshette and David Birney. Sequel to *Oh God!* with Burns in his accustomed role as God — albeit an acerbic version. Directed by Gilbert Cates.
3.25 Thames news and weather. 3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Five Minute Wonder. Gabrielle Bradshaw makes a model pirate's outfit. 4.05 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r). 4.20 The Real Ghostbusters. Cartoon series. 4.45 Press Gang. Serial about a children's newspaper. (Oracle)
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Carol Barnes.
6.00 Thames news and weather
6.30 Reporting London examines the problem of "rent boys" and the dangers they face.
7.00 Wish You Were Here. . ? John Carter visits the Florida coast; and Judith Chalmers is in Halifax, Yorkshire, and Hamburg. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Alec is unprepared for the new and greater dilemma posed to him by the taxman; and Rita's domestic bliss is threatened when Alan realises he has forgotten something. (Oracle)
8.00 Singles. Comedy series starring Roger Rees, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and Susie Blake as members of a singles club for the unmarried.
8.30 World in Action: The Race to St Paul's. Penny Junor, Ian Breach and Mike Walsh race to St Paul's Cathedral by, respectively, commuter train from Kent, by car, and by underground.
9.00 Minder: The Wrong Goodbye. Arthur is about to sell a consignment of dolls to an entrepreneur from Leeds when his lock-up receives a visit from a bailiff with a warrant to repossess certain goods. Later a property developer makes what Arthur thinks is an offer he can't refuse for his business, but his accountant is not so sure. Starring George Cole, Dennis Waterman and Paul Eddington. Last in the series.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. 10.30 Thames news and weather.
10.35 The Nuclear Age. Programme six of the 12-part series on the history of nuclear weapons.
11.35 Cockney Bowls Classic. Semifinal action in the Coral Bingo trophy from the Desborough Bowling Club, Maidenhead.
12.30am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Bang! You're Dead. A young girl finds a loaded pistol in her uncle's luggage (r).
1.00 Sportsworld Extra. Boxing: Juan Coggi of Argentina defends his WBA Light-welterweight title against Harold Brazier of America.
2.00 News headlines followed by Film: Come and Get It (1936, b/w) starring Edward Arnold and Joel McCrea. The story of a lumberman in a loveless marriage who tries to win back the romance of his youth. Directed by Howard Hawks and William Wyler.
4.00 News headlines followed by 60 Minutes. Interviews and investigations from the United States.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

BBC 2

6.00 Ceefax
9.40 Daytime on Two: is the law protecting the environment 10.05 For the very young 10.15 Musical clocks 10.40 Think about 10.55 Rearing young 11.20 Voices 11.40 Information technology 12.00 French for beginners 12.15 Aspects of the history of the third world 12.35 Lives of 17-year-olds 1.00 Science: electricity.
1.25 Postman Pat (r). 1.40 Landmarks. Trains old and new (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by Words and Pictures (r).
2.15 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceefax)
2.50 Behind the Screen
3.00 News and weather followed by The Great Palace: The Story of Parliament (r). (Ceefax) 3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Casehword.
4.30 Country File investigates genetic engineering in agriculture (r).
4.55 World Skiing Championships. The women's slalom
5.40 The Stallion (r).
6.30 DEF II begins with A-Z of Belief. Jane Harris, a member of the Animal Aid Youth Group, answers questions on animal rights. 7.00 Snub featuring Duncan Dhu.
7.30 World Skiing Championships. The women's slalom.
8.10 Horizon: Wasting the Alps. (see Choice)
9.00 Film: Cactus (1986) starring Isabelle Huppert. Drama about a woman on holiday in Australia who is involved in accident that threatens her eysight. Directed by Paul Cox.
10.30 Newsnight.
11.15 The Late Show. Ludovic Kennedy asks Julia Somerville, Rory Bremner and Anna Raeburn "Did You See...?" Sky Television.
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University Open Forum. Ends at 12.30am.

CHANNEL 4

8.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series.
9.30 Schools.
12.00 Six Centuries of Verse. Early American poets (r).
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Reaching Agreement. The last in the series on communication skills (r). (Oracle) 1.30 IT for the Terrified. Information technology series (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Film: St Louis Blues (1958, b/w) starring Nat King Cole and Eartha Kitt. A biopic about the black blues composer W. C. Handy. Directed by Allen Reisner.
3.45 Years Ahead. (see Choice)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show presented by Gay Byrne.
6.00 The Munsters (b/w).
6.30 Same Difference. Magazine series for the disabled presented by Peter White and Libby Cross.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment followed by Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Frank and Chrissy take Geoff for his private assessment. (Oracle)
8.30 Film: Johnny Bull (1985) starring Jason Robards. A made-for-television drama about a young Englishwoman whose dreams of America are shattered when she joins her new husband at his parents' home in a bleak, poverty-stricken Pennsylvania town. Directed by Claudia Weill.
10.15 Widows. Episode five of the six-part drama (r). (Oracle)
11.15 Film: This Whole Life of Mine (1950, b/w) starring Shi Hui. The story of a man living through 40 years of China's turbulent modern history. Directed by Shi Hui. Ends at 1.20am

SATELLITE

SKY CHANNEL

6.00am The DJ Kat Show: Children's show 8.30 The Lucy Show: Vintage American comedy series starring *Lucille Ball*.
9.00 Panel Pot Pourri: Game shows
10.30 Sky by Day: Tony Blackburn and Jenny Hanley present a daily magazine programme
11.30 The Sullivans: Australian family drama series
12.00 Another World: American family drama series 1.00 General Hospital: Medical drama series
2.00 As the World Turns. Continuing story of four generations of a suburban American family
3.00 Tom Jones: The Welsh singer hosts a music and variety show
3.30 Family Affair: Comedy series
4.00 Countdown by Sony Tape: European pop music show
5.00 The Young Doctors: Australian medical drama series
5.30 Three's Company: Comedy series
6.00 Sky Star Search. Keith Chegwin hosts a daily talent show
7.00 Sale of the Century: Game show
7.30 Life's Most Embarrassing Moments: Out-takes from American television shows and films
8.30 Spearfield's Daughter: Part two
10.30 Police Story: Action series
11.30 Tandarra: Adventure series about Australia's 1852 gold rush
12.30am Landscape Channel Programmes from Sky
3.00 Countdown by Sony Tape
4.00 Panel Pot Pourri (r)
5.30 European Business Channel.

SKY NEWS

Sky News on the hour from 6.00am
6.30 European Business Channel 9.30 Morning Magazine 11.30 Our World 12.30 NBC Today 2.30 Good Health 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 The Reporters 6.30 Wild West End 7.30 Beyond 2000 8.30 Frank Bough Interview 9.30 The Reporters 10.30 Nightline — Paradise Postponed 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am Entertainment This Week 1.30 Nightline — Paradise Postponed 2.30 Frank Bough Interview 3.30 The Reporters 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week.

SKY FILMS

4.00pm Film: Project X (1987). Matthew Broderick stars as an airforce pilot who is involved in top secret military training with chimpanzees. Directed by Jonathan Kaplan.
6.00 Film: The Pirate Movie (1982). A girl dreams she is romantically involved with a 19th-century apprentice to the King in this Australian update of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Directed by Ken Annakin.
8.00 Film: The Man with One Red Shoe (1985). An innocent man finds himself the target for a CIA slammanon team. Starring Tom Hanks. Directed by Stan Dragoti.
10.00 Film: The Gate (1987). Horror story about two young boys who discover the gate to hell in their surburban back garden. Directed by Tibor Takacs.

EUROSPORT

10.30am Davis Cup Tennis 12.30 World Alpine Skiing Championships 1.30 World Cyclocross Championships
2.00 World Alpine Skiing Championships 3.00 World Bobsleigh Championships
4.00 Cricket: Australia v West Indies 4.30 Preview of Eurosport programmes 6.00 European Figure Skating Championships 7.00 World Alpine Skiing Championships
9.00 Shell International Motor Sports 9.30 World Bobsleigh Championships 10.30 Rugby Union: Five Nations Cup 11.30 Cricket Highlights 12.00am Closedown

MTV

7.00am MTV! 12.00 Remote Control 12.30 MTV! 3.30 VJ Marcel Vanthilt 5.00 3 from 1 at 5 5.15 VJ Maiken Wexo 6.30 Club MTV
7.00pm MTV at the Movies 7.30 Remote Control 8.00 VJ Kristiane Backer 11.00 MTV at the Movies 11.30 VJ Marcel Vanthilt 12.00am Your Scene — Solid Rock 1.00 Club MTV 1.30 Night Videos.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today 12.10am-12.15 News and weather
SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Sesame Seo! 5.30pm-7.05 Reporting Scotland 10.10 Odyssey: From the Gorbals to Gweedore 10.40 Film: Chiller 12.10am Advice Shop 12.40 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 6.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Wuthering Heights 5.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Sunweb 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Married ... with Children 2.00 The Fugitive 3.00 Chat Show 4.00-5.00 80 Minutes

BORDER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Sheepdog Trials 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Anastasia 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: House of Wax 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

CENTRAL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Quest 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Heavenly Body 3.15 Magic Magic 3.30-4.00 Cover Story 5.00 News 6.30-7.00 Home Run 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Film: Planet of the Apes 2.40 Sportsweek 4.15-5.00 Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except:1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Touch and Go 3.05-3.30 Cartoon Time 5.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 It's a Dogs Life 11.35 Film: Save the Tiger 1.25am Sport 2.05 I Spy 3.00 Get Smart 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 Grampian News 1.30-3.00 Film: A Ball for Adano' 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Tales the High Road 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: House of Wax 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

GRANADA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30 Film: Patricia Neal Story 2.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Who's the Boss? 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Film: House of Wax 1.00 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

HTV WEST As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell 6.00-7.00 News 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Pick of the Week 2.00 Film: Come and Get It' 4.00 A Week in the Life of ... 4.25 50 Years On' 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00-7.00pm Wales at Six

SCOTTISH As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 Scotland Today 1.30 Film: Titanic 3.15 Mr Magoo 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 The Big Break 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: It Lives Again 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Rocking in the UK

TSW As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Man Hunt 3.27-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 11.35 Coping with Cancer 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: House of Wax 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

TVS As London except:1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Touch and Go 3.05-3.30 Action! 5.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 It's a Dog's Life 11.35 Film: Save the Tiger 1.25am Sport 2.00 I Spy 3.00 Get Smart 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

TYNE TEES As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Joan Collins) 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Carol Road 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 11.35 Heart of the City 12.30am Film: House of Wax 2.05-3.00 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

ULSTER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Pick of the Six 1.20 Newstime 1.30 Wee Picture 1.45 Waterloo Bridge Handicap 2.15 Quincy 3.10 Kitchen Garden 3.30-4.00 Glenroe 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ash Anne 11.35 Crazy About the Movies 12.05am Starring The Actors 12.30 Film: House of Wax 2.10 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 Night Beat

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 News 1.35 Film: Very Important Person' 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale 89 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: The Masters 2.30 Trans World Sport 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Llansau Dydd Llun 1.00 Hand in Hand 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Film: Dr Kildare Goes Home' 3.30 Not on Sunday 4.00 Beverly Hillbillies 4.30 Countdown 5.00 Late Late Show 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Interbang 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Elinor A R Ser 7.45 Sgono 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Cheers 10.00 Media Show 11.00 And So to Work 11.20 Film: This Whole Life of Mine 1.20 Closedown

RTE 1 Starts:2.30pm Taste of China 3.00 'Live' at Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 Uppers & Downstairs 5.30 Country Practice 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No 1 7.30 Floyd on Britain and Ireland 8.00 Flying Doctors 9.00 News 9.30 Moonlighting 10.25 Hanly's People 10.55 Down the Tube 11.35 News, Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 Smurfs 3.30 Our Gang 3.40 Fabulous Fleischer Folio 4.50 Seal Riders 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.50 Canweaazie 5.25 Wonderstruck 6.00 Jo-Mau 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Curse 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Basketball 9.00 Murphy Brown 9.30 Irish in Mind 10.30 Network News 10.50 Life and Loves of a She-Devil 11.55 Closedown

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RADIO 1

VHF stereo and MW (medium wave).
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm, then at 10.30 and 12.30am
6.30 Adrian John 7.00 Simon Mayo 8.30 Simon Bates 12.30 Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 The Mike Read Collection 8.30 John Peel 10.30 Nicky Campbell 11.30 Hey Rrradiolll Comic Relief Special 12.30-2.00am Richard Skinner.

RADIO 2

VHF stereo
News on the hour
4.00am Alan Dedicoat 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05 David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and 7.30 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttleton with the Best of Jazz on Record 10.00 The Press Gang 10.30 Cinema Scrapbook 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00am World News 7.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 7.30 Angel Voices 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 War of the Worlds 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Food and Drink 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Phone-in 10.30 Vintage Chart Show 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Health Matters 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00pm Newsreel 12.15 Novel Ideas 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 1.30 Angel Voices 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Picture of Dorian Gray 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 A Question of Science 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Year of the Worlds 4.30 Health Matters 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Reuth Aleph 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Europe's World 9.30 Sports International 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Learning World 11.30 Musitrack 1 12.00am Newsdesk 12.30 Megamix 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 W B Yeats: Readings from the Poems 1.45 Europe's World 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 2.59 World News 3.00 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 BBC News Headlines 5.50 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: J Strauss (Viennese Bonbons: Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Harnoncourt); Brahms (Liebeslieder Walzedr, Op 52 Nos 1-6: Edith Mathis, soprano, Brigitte Fassbaender, contralto, Peter Schreier, tenor, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, Karl Engel and Wolfgang Sawallisch, piano); Elgar (Salut d'amour: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under del Mar); Drdla (Souvenir: Alfredo Campoli, violin, with Eric Gritton, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Richard Strauss (Waltzes from Der Rosenkavalier: Dresden State Orchestra under Kempe); Mendelssohn (Morgengruss: Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano); Schubert (Fantasia in F minor, D 940: Radu Lupu and Murray Perahia, piano duet); Ravel (La Valse: Montreal SO under Dutoit)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Hilding Rosenberg (1892-1985). Intermezzo and Railway Fugue (journey to America): Stockholm PO under Dorati; and Symphony No 3 (1939): Stockholm PO under Blomstedt; and Vagn Holmboe (born 1909) Concerto for brass Op 157 (1983): Scandinavian Brass Ensemble under Parnas
9.35 Sonatas and Soliloquies: Includes Torelli (Sonata a 5 con tromba in D: ECO under Raymond Leppard, with Wynton Marsalis, trumpet, Charles Tunnell, cello); Boehm (Introduction and Variations "Non cor più": Nicholas Vallis, flute, with Paul Searle-Barnes, piano); Jindrich Feld (Elegy and Burleska: Stefan Popov, cello, and Alan Schiller, piano); Honegger (Sonata for cello and piano: LPO under Adrian Boult); Giuliani (Grand Sonata: Judith Hall, flute, with Timothy Walker, guitar); Alfred Nieman (Soliloquy for solo cello: Concentus Musicus Wien under Nikolaus Harnoncourt); Heinrich Biber (Sonata seconda a 8: Concentus Musicus Wien under Harnoncourt); Stephen Dodgson (Duo: Rohan de Saram, cello, with Andrea Gifford, guitar)
12.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Jerzy Maksymiuk and Neil Mantle conduct Peter Nelson's Flight Tableau; Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No 1; and Falla's Three Dances (from The Three-Cornered Hat). With Roman Jablonski (cello)
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, London. Borodin Quartet play Beethoven's Quartet in F Op 59 No 1 (Rasumovsky); and Webern's Five Movements Op 5
2.05 Music Weekly (r)
2.50 Hurlstone and Hindemith: Keith Puddy (clarinet) and John Streets (piano) play Hurlstone's Four Characteristic Pieces; and Hindemith's Sonata (r)
3.25 Klee Conducts: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra with Helène Wickett (piano) perform Wagner's Siegfried Idyll; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor (K 466); and Britten's Four Sea Interludes (from Peter Grimes)
4.45 Strauss Songs: Performed by Laurence Dale (tenor) accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons (piano)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Christopher Cook talks to director Mike Newell about his latest film, Soursweet, which is based on Timothy Mo's novel about Chinese life in Britain
7.30 Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra: Ton Koopman directs Pieter Hellendaal's Concerto grosso in G minor Op 3 No 1; Vivaldi's Cello Concerto in G minor; Purcell's Suite from The Fairy Queen; and Bach's Suite No 1 in C. With Jaap Ter Linden (cello)
8.30 William Howard: The pianist plays Smetana's On the Seashore Op 17; Colin Matthews's Eleven Studies in Velocity; and Judith Weir's The Art of Touching the Keyboard
9.00 Freeing the Mind (new series): First of six conversations in which Lewis Wolpert talks to distinguished scientists. Dr Jim Lovelock reflects on his quest for Gaia
9.30 Maurice Ohana: The composer introduces a concert of recent works including Etudes d'interpretation (Nos 11-12)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Closedown

RADIO 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today: Presented by Sue MacGregor and Peter Hobday, incl 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.35 The Week on 4: A preview of the coming week's broadcasting on Radio 4
8.42 Phil Smith in the BBC Sound Archives 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start The Week with Melvyn Bragg whose guests are Lord Michael Havers, whose book *The Royal Baccarat Scandal* has been adapted into a play which is bound for the West End; Christopher Gable, art director of the Northern Ballet; Alan Radnor, author of *Paranormal or Normal?* plus Philip Whitehead who will be talking about the making of historical documentaries
10.00 News; Money Box: Louise Botting presents advice and news on personal finance (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Ballad of Willy McKay by Daniel Magee. Read by Margaret D Arcy
10.45 Daily Service: from the Parish Church of St Columba, Sutton Coldfield in the Midlands (s)
11.00 News; Down Your Way: Leslie Thomas, author of *Virgin Soldiers*, visits Dorchester, county town of Dorset (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! Listeners' poetry requests presented by Dannie Abse
12.00 News; You and Yours with Debbie Thrower
12.25 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Brian Thompson and Michael Schmidt 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Proposed items include an interview with Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan; a discussion about treating the men who batter women; and an interview with Candia Lutyens, the granddaughter of the famous architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens
3.00 News; The Gladly: Melodrama by Ethel Voynich. Starring Dominic Rickhards, Jill Lidstone and Joni Moffatt. A group of young idealists form an organization committed to freeing Italy from foreign domination (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen talks to four casting directors about how they find the right actor for roles in films and plays (s) (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue: Ad-lib panel game with Tim Brooke-Taylor, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Stephen Fry (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper visits the Sixth International Food and Drink exhibition at Olympia to find out how Britain markets its food abroad; plus Roger Protz takes a look into the future of British beer (r)
7.45 Science Now: Developments and discoveries presented by Georgina Ferry (r)
8.15 Me and My Shadow: Play by Bruce Stewart (s) (see Choice)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Mike Newell's latest film is based on Timothy Mo's novel about Chinese life in Britain, and has a screenplay written by Ian McEwan. Paul Vaughan talks to the makers of Soursweet. Plus a report on The Year of the Snake exhibition in Manchester; and an interview with the composer Luciano Berio (s)
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Odd Man Out by F L Green, abridged and read by Denys Hawthorne: 8 (of 15) 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: Presented by David Seils
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

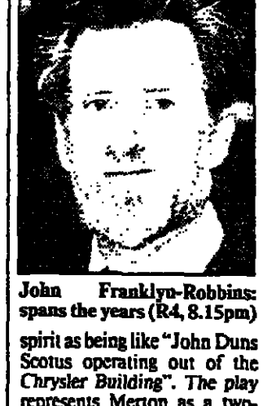
VHF as LW except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools 1.55-3.00pm For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Open Forum 11.50 Fielding's *Tom Jones* 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time

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RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● In its own comprehensible way, *Me and My Shadow* (Radio 4, 8.15pm), Bruce Stewart's play about the *American trappist monk* Thomas Merton (the "me" of the title), who was also a best-selling author (the "shadow"), is as metaphysical as anything written in the Middle Ages. And, sure enough, one of the *characters in the play* (Merton's old university tutor) sums up the writer-monk's attempts to reconcile the worlds of the flesh and the



John Franklyn-Robbins: spans the years (R4, 8.15pm)

spirit as being like "John Duns Scotus operating out of the *Chrysler Building*". The play represents Merton as a two-man battlefield, with monk and writer struggling for supremacy. It is a hugely complex conflict, and the remarkable feature of *Me and My Shadow* is that, though forced into a straitjacket of 90 minutes, it scarcely ever falls back on over-simplification. John Franklyn-Robbins's Merton is a *tour de force*, spanning the decades — and the twin personalities — with total success. But the biggest surprise is Bill Wallis's playing of Merton's monastic superior. How has he got away with hiding his light under the satirical bushel of *Week Ending* for so long?

Grass roots support for the Kent rail link protesters

By Alan Hamilton

Atop the white cliffs of Folkestone, three Martello towers approach the end of their second century patiently awaiting the seaborne invasion of Napoleon's armies.

The French landfall will now be a mile to the north, and along the expected path of their advance on London the Kentish citizenry is forming into well-armed bands of public relations volunteers to protect homes and English way of life.

In the manner of guerrilla fighters the North Downs Rail Concern, one of the main action groups, has given Decision Makers, the London public relations firm, a £6,000 budget to fight Saatchi and Saatchi, hired by British Rail for £3 million.

Mr Simon Carlton, leader of the protest group in the Medway village of Halling, yesterday said: "In being so vague about their proposals, BR are either being extremely naive or cynically clever. With the hiring of Saatchi's I suspect the latter."

> The plan has all the evidence of being sketched on grease-proof paper on a corner of the kitchen table.

At the weekend the opponents provided a helicopter to demonstrate from the air their contention that routes one and two of British Rail's proposed high-speed link with the Channel tunnel had been drawn, as Bonaparte might have done, on the back of an envelope, with scant regard for the houses in between.

Behind Shakespeare Cliff is the well-hidden first surprise – a small city of Portakabins to house the tunnel workers, surrounding a beautifully tended medieval thatched barn.

At Cheriton, on the edge of Folkestone, there is no sign of the emergent hole, only a vast white scar marking the site of the train terminal.

In the middle of the scar is the village of Newington, besieged by construction works. Beyond Cheriton the land is unscarred. The putative route strikes west, following the M20 through wide green fields until it strikes the village of Sellindge, which would be sliced in half.

Skirting Ashford, the route hits Charing, a lovely old village where an angry farmer, for the benefit of passing flyers, has ploughed an enormous "NO" across a field.

Running under the North Downs and following for part the Pilgrims' Way, the route hits serious trouble as it approaches the Medway.

The railway would have to cross the Medway on a viaduct. The bridge carrying the M2 looks inoffensive from the air, but protesters say the noise from high-speed trains on a high bridge would be intolerable across a wide area.

Across the river, there is a series of abandoned chalk pits near Halling, cloaked in trees but 150ft deep. How, the protesters wonder, is the railway going to cross them?

Beyond Halling the line would plunge into a tunnel, emerging at Istead Rise, another area of acknowledged sensitivity, before again burrowing underground at Longfield as it approaches London. Mr Bob Wilford, a civil engineer and member of the Halling Rail Action Group, said: "The two ends of the North Downs tunnel are among the most environmentally sensitive parts of the route."

British Rail figures indicate that 3,500 properties along a 400 metre corridor would be affected. Mr Wilford put the figure at nearer 35,000. Noise, he said, would travel far further than 200 metres.

Dame Peggy Fenner, MP for Medway, said: "They just have not thought this out. The plan has all the evidence of being sketched on greaseproof paper on a corner of the kitchen table."

Opponents approve of only one plan – produced in 1974 – a high-speed line in a tunnel from the coast to London.


TIM BISHOP

A farmer's protest ploughed across a field near the village of Charing (above) and villagers along the proposed routes show their opposition to the British Rail's tunnel link plan (below)



TV monopoly is over, says Murdoch

Continued from page 1

● Eurosport – A joint venture between News International and European Broadcasting Union members such as the BBC.

● Sky Movies – Britain's first direct to home film channel.

Later this year Sky Arts and the Disney Channel will take to the air.

Although relatively few 24-inch satellite dishes have been installed in British homes, deposits for orders have been paid by about 100,000 viewers, "so interest is building very fast", Mr Murdoch said.

Amstrad expects to be shipping 100,000 dishes a month to dealers by April. With almost 40 other manufacturers providing or preparing receiving equipment, Sky hopes more than 50,000 dishes a week will be in the sh[illegible] April.

Andrew Neil, executive chairman of Sky Television, said: "Rather more people will be seeing Sky TV tonight than saw BBC when it started broadcasting in 1937 when there were just 200 sets in the country."

Mr Neil said that Sky Television had not been able to buy as much British-made programming as it would have liked – partly because of restrictive trade union practices which make repeating television classics such as *Upstairs, Downstairs* prohibitively expensive.

Apart from the new TV channels, Sky and the BBC are planning to use one of the sound channels on the Astra satellite to beam the World Service to European homes.

All Sky channels will initially be free to home dish owners, but from the summer the movie and Disney channels will cost £12 a month.

Mr Murdoch said yesterday a small nominal charge – around 10p a week – might be made in three years' time for sport and news if income from cable operators and advertising is below expectations.

Mr Murdoch said he expected advertising to grow extremely fast as the audience grew. Subscription revenue from the movies and Disney channels would not be significant in 1989 "but starting next year we expect subscription revenue to be very important." He blamed himself for the relatively small number of dishes that have been bought and installed to date.

His original plans to make the movie channel free for a couple of years had to be reversed when he could not persuade Hollywood studios to sell him movies.

He then had to instruct dish producers to delay manufacturing until a special decoder needed to receive encripted films had been designed.

"I have only got myself to blame. Everybody stopped work on the dishes at the end of last year for four or five weeks".

Mr Murdoch repeated his pledge "never" to show pornography on any of his channels.

Minimum wage councils face abolition

By Roland Rudd
Employment Affairs Reporter

One of the biggest and most controversial changes in minimum wage protection is expected to be introduced by the abolition of the Wages Councils which provide a set rate of pay for 2.5 million workers.

An announcement is expected within weeks to scrap the councils, which ministers believe are an arbitrary system full of anomalies and anachronisms which reduce jobs and increase unemployment. The decision comes after the response of more than 50 organizations to a government consultation document.

The Government has made clear it is considering all responses to the proposals. However, it believes the response from most employer groups in favour of outright abolition strengthens its case for this radical change.

The Wages Councils set minimum rates of pay for the lowest-paid workers in industry. The first was introduced in 1909 to protect employees from exploitation.

However, the Government believes minimum wages act as an impediment to employers taking on long-term unemployed. It believes they price the unemployed out of work and deter companies from expanding the workforce.

It is understood that the Government is considering two options. An amendment could be inserted into the Employment Bill, which is in the committee stage in the Commons, or a Bill could be introduced which would also end the pre-entry closed shop.

The first option is believed to be preferred since this year sees one of the heaviest legislative programmes since 1945 with bills on electricity and water privatization and the newly-introduced Local Government and Housing Bill.

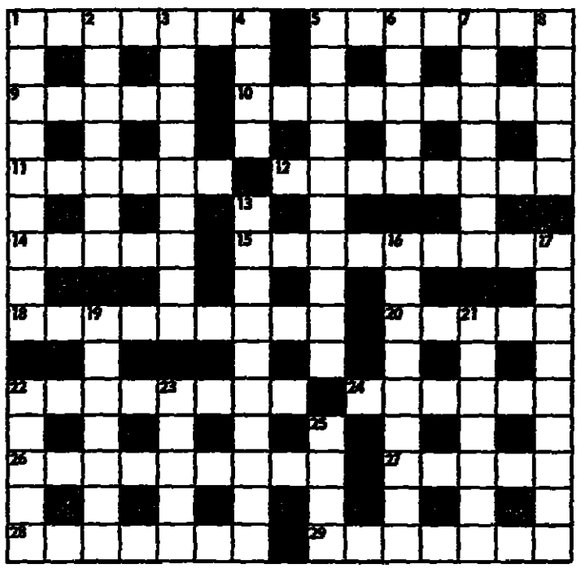
Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday the most effective contribution a government could make to improve low pay was to create the conditions for more jobs which meant removing obstacles to employment.

He told Parliament last week that the system of Wages Councils was not comprehensive and, by common consent, full of anomalies".

The move is certain to lead to confrontation with the TUC and the opposition. Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, said last night: "Abolition of the Wages Councils is a perverse and backward-looking act moving against international trends and opinion even of many on the right.

"No serious economic arguments were advanced for abolition in the consultative document and the sham of consultation will be exposed by a quick announcement that takes no view but the Government's. Even employers, the supposed beneficiaries, have at best been lukewarm."

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ACROSS

1 Study opening for dedicated women (7).
5 Landed with real trouble, that's true (7).
9 About in time for match (5).
10 Making music can be so calming (9).
11 Colourful name of a reigning dynasty (6).
12 To stick to no trumps is consistent (8).
14 Flora's neat look (2-3)
15 Seaman observed coming back carrying weapon rejects (9)
18 Foreigner admitting money could make him an assassin (9)
20 A trainee member's fear (5).
22 The underworld boss writes note authorising share out (8).
24 A braggart may well get fired (6)
26 A highly romantic tale (4,5).
27 Oliver the screw (5).
28 A school for girls – awfully dear one! (7).
29 Take issue about press operator (7).

DOWN

1 "The _____ owl, that nightly hoots." (*M N Dream*) (9).
2 Managed to turn up, estimate, and present an account (7).
3 "The Holly and the Ivy", for example (not Browning) (9)
4 Mark's muscular spasm and quick end (4).
5 Satirists left men poor as could be (10).
6 The big-hearted persons pointed out (5).
7 Intend to appear in torn clothing (7).
8 Frivolous, but may be turned on (5).
13 The company readily accepts small change, and that serves (10).
16 Old fighter gleeful about a riot breaking out (9).
17 The dope the prime minister is upset to reveal (9).
19 Decide to separate (7).
21 Trade is bad, though up (7)
22 Put off some people with crude terminology (5)
23 Follow leaderless men and start action (5)
25 They're available in many shades, hundreds certainly (4)

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

GISARME
a. To embrace
b. A long battle-axe
c. A kind of fenugreek

BUSTEE
a. A bankrupt
b. A halter brassière
c. A collection of huts

OOF
a. Money
b. A camel
c. An ostrich egg

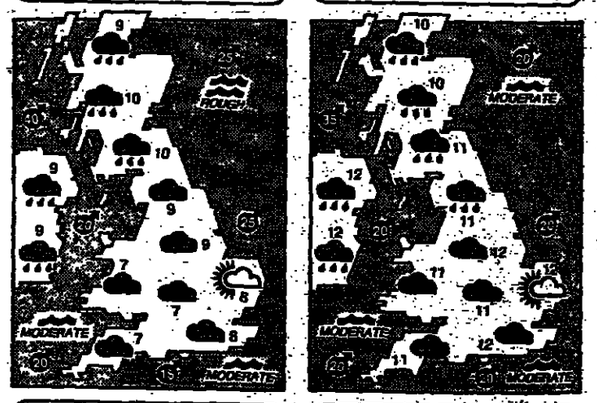
BILLON
a. Base metal
b. A million million
c. Sun-dried meat

Answers on page 22

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,897 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Over England and Wales it will be generally cloudy and mild. It will be mostly dry in the east, possibly with some cloud breaks, giving some sun. Light rain or drizzle is expected in the west, with more general rain in the north later. Over Scotland and Northern Ireland there will be rain, heavy at times, for much of the day although eastern parts will have dry periods. Outlook: Little overall change.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Majorca	18	64	c
Akrotiri	16	61	s	Malaga	15	59	s
Alderney	15	59	c	Malta	14	57	f
Algiers	13	55	s	Melb'rne	22	72	s
Amst'dm	9	48	f	Mexico C'	-	-	-
Athens	14	57	s	Miami*	18	64	c
Bahrain	15	59	s	Milan	3	37	fg
Bermuda*	28	82	f	Montreal*	18	0	s
Barcelna	12	54	s	Moscow	3	37	s
Belgrade	-1	30	c	Munich	8	46	s
Berlin	9	41	c	Nairobi	24	75	s
Bermuda*	23	73	c	Naples	13	55	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	N Delhi	20	68	f
Borde'x	12	54	s	N York*	-3	27	f
Brussels	7	45	c	Nice	14	57	s
Budapst	0	32	sn	Oslo	6	43	s
B Aires*	30	86	s	Paris	5	41	c
Cairo	17	63	f	Peking	6	43	s
Cape Tn	28	79	s	Perth	23	73	c
C'blanca	17	63	s	Prague	4	39	f
Chicago*	-1	7	sn	Reykjvik	-1	30	sn
Ch'church	16	61	r	Rhodes	16	61	s
Cologne	6	43	r	Rio de J	33	73	r
C'hagen	6	43	f	Riyadh	14	57	s
Corfu	16	61	r	Rome	13	55	s
Dublin	10	50	f	Salzburg	5	41	s
Dubrovnik	11	52	r	S F'isco*	7	45	s
Faro	17	63	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	9	48	r	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Frankfurt	1	34	r	Seoul	5	41	s
Funchal	18	61	c	Stog'por	30	86	s
Geneva	0	32	c	Stkholm	5	41	f
Gibraltar	15	59	s	Sarasb'rg	4	39	c
Helsinki	3	37	r	Sydney	21	70	c
Hong K	18	61	s	Tangier	18	61	s
Innsbruck	5	41	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Istanbul	9	48	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Jeddah	28	79	s	Tokyo	11	52	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	r	Toronto*	-8	18	f
Karachi	22	72	f	Tunis	18	64	s
L Palmas	20	68	c	Valencia	11	52	c
La Tpezd	10	50	c	Vanc'ver*	-3	27	s
Lisbon	13	55	s	Venice	7	45	s
Locarno	6	43	s	Vienna	4	39	s
L Angels*	13	55	c	Warsaw	5	41	s
Luxemby	0	32	fg	Wash'tn*	-1	30	c
Luxor	21	70	c	Wel'ton	17	63	r
Madrid	9	48	s	Zurich	3	37	s

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	12	54	dull
Bridlington	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Hunstanton	1.0	.04	9	48	cloudy
Cromer	-	.04	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	0.5	-	8	46	cloudy
Southend	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Margate	-	-	9	48	dull
Folkestone	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Eastbourne	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	9	48	dull
Worthing	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Bournmth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Poole	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	0.2	-	12	54	drizzle
Falmouth	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Penzance	0.2	-	12	54	shower
Scilly Isles	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Newquay	0.3	-	12	54	rain
Liverpool	1.0	.01	11	52	drizzle
Morecambe	-	.14	11	52	rain
Douglas	-	.02	10	50	shower
Aspatria	-	.02	10	50	rain
Leeds	0.4	.14	13	55	rain
Nottingham	-	.01	11	52	rain
Anglesey	-	.02	11	52	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	0.9	.06	13	55	rain
Derby	-	.10	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	4.6	-	10	50	bright
Aviemore	-	.88	5	41	snow
Eskdalemuir	-	.94	8n		
Prestwick	-	.49	9	48	shower
Stornoway	-	.32	5	41	thunder
Tiree	-	.23	8	46	hail
Wick	1.7	.12	7	45	sleet

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.35	6.8	2.04	7.2
Aberdeen	1.10	4.2	1.12	4.4
Avonmouth	7.12	13.0	7.35	13.1
Belfast	10.48	3.6	11.13	3.4
Cardiff	5.57	12.0	7.20	12.1
Devonport	5.55	5.5	6.24	5.4
Dover	10.57	6.4	11.22	6.6
Falmouth	5.25	5.3	5.54	5.2
Glasgow	12.26	4.5	12.44	4.6
Harwich	11.56	3.8	—	—
Holyhead	10.13	5.7	10.40	5.5
Hull	6.21	7.1	6.27	7.5
Ilfracombe	5.56	9.1	6.19	9.2
King's Lynn	6.30	6.4	6.31	6.7
Leith	2.32	5.4	2.42	5.6
Liverpool	11.12	9.5	11.37	9.4
Lowestoft	9.33	2.3	9.58	2.5
Margate	—	—	12.14	4.7
Milford Haven	6.11	7.0	6.35	7.0
Newquay	5.01	7.0	5.25	7.0
Oban	5.59	4.1	6.17	3.9
Penzance	4.50	5.6	5.21	5.5
Portland	6.57	2.3	7.32	2.1

Tide is metres [illegible]=3.28ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.94
Austria Sch	23.55	22.55
Belgium Fr	71.48	67.35
Canada $	2.165	2.045
Denmark Kr	12.13	12.53
Finland Mrk	7.85	7.45
France Fr	11.51	10.91
Germany Dm	3.405	3.225
Greece Dr	295	269
Hong Kong $	14.67	13.32
Ireland Pt	1.265	1.205
Italy Lire	2495	2355
Japan Yen	240.50	224.50
Netherlands Gld	3.84	3.64
Norway Kr	12.28	11.63
Portugal Esc	278	263
South Africa Rd	4.85	4.35
Spain Pta	215	200
Sweden Kr	11.67	10.95
Switzerland Fr	2.88	2.73
Turkey Lira	3850	3600
USA $	1.628	1.728
Yugoslavia Dar	11100	9700

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 116.3 (December)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 21.2 at 1693

New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed 2.6 down at 2331.25.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 69 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.06 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1020.7 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.83 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.08 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

Sun rises 7.31 am · Sun sets 4.59 pm · Moon rises 7.48 am · Moon sets 5.20 pm

New Moon 7.37am

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.29 pm to 6.59 am
Bristol 5.39 pm to 7.08 am
Edinburgh 5.27 pm to 7.25 am
Manchester 5.32 pm to 7.14 am
Penzance 5.55 pm to 7.17 am

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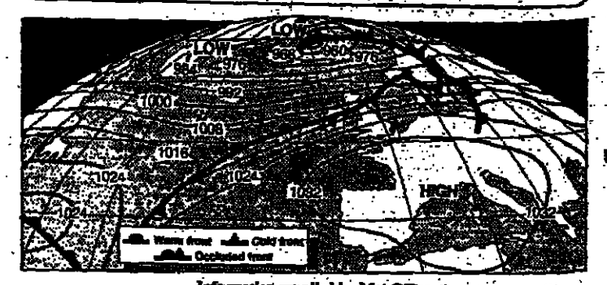
Saturday: Highest day temp: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 5C (41F). Highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.94 in. Highest sunshine: Jersey 4.8 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	c	Guernsey	11	52	c
Birmingham	8	46	c	Inverness	8	46	r
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	11	52	c	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	r	Manchester	8	46	c
Edinburgh	7	45	c	Newcastle	7	45	r
Glasgow	7	45	r	Rhidorroch	9	48	c

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7410 (–0.0195)

W German mark
3.2740 (+0.0030)

Exchange index
97.8 (–0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1689.0 (+50.1)

FT-SE 100
2069.9 (+64.0)

USM (Datastream)
162.3 (+4.62)

Building growth 'may fall'

More evidence that construction growth may slacken from the hectic rate of the past two to three years has come from the Building Employers Confederation (BEC), writes Derek Harris.

The BEC's latest survey, reflecting conditions in the building sector (which accounts for about 80 per cent of total construction output), reports strong output growth in the final quarter of last year through industrial and commercial work but a "significant" fall in new housebuilding inquiries.

Mr John Parsons, chairman of BEC's economic group, said: "Confidence is being maintained within the building industry. But with the past two years seeing an average 8 per cent increase in output, it seems certain that this rate of increase will now slacken."

The survey showed there were, however, indications of a "substantial" level of output being maintained this year. Mr Parson said, even though the private housebuilding sector was feeling the impact of high interest and mortgage rates.

Overall, it had left the industry with a "cautious optimism," he added.

Parkdale buys £1m properties

Parkdale Holdings, the leisure and property group, has spent more than £1 million on two properties in Glasgow and Dublin for conversion into townhouse hotels. A purchase in Edinburgh is imminent.

Both the Glasgow and the Dublin properties, which cost £525,000 and £590,000 respectively, are situated near mainline stations and close to the main shopping and business centres.

Tanker trade rises by 20%

Tanker owners had their best year in 1988 since the early 1970s, according to statistics from the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners.

Voyage liftings in December were 20 per cent higher than in December 1987, the highest level recorded in the 1980s. The improvement reflects the more than 200 million deadweight tonnes of tankers broken up over the past 15 years.

New directors

Security Pacific Hoare Govett is beefing up its boardroom with two respected names. Mr Peter Brasier, former chief executive at Arbuthnot Latham, joins as head of European corporate finance, where he will look after mergers and acquisitions as well as equity financing in Europe. Mr Peter Fenichel, 13 years at Bankers Trust International, joins as managing director in charge of debt distribution.

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Consensus points to likely agreement on conversion

Reuters close to shares deal

By David Brewerton

After four years of sporadic negotiations, the holders of the high-voting A shares in Reuters Holdings are close to agreement for the conversion of their stakes into B shares, paving the way for their eventual disposal.

Conversion of all 105 million A shares requires unanimous agreement of the A shareholders, some of whom are known to wish to realize their shareholdings to finance other ventures.

A consensus has emerged between the different shareholders, and the committee which has been looking at the matter is understood to be confident that formal agreement will be reached next month.

The A shareholdings are convertible on a one-for-one basis into B shares, and at Friday's closing price of 619p, they would be worth about £650 million.

It is believed that a potential stumbling block to conversion has been the potential effect on the stock market price of the B shares if a large volume of new sellers were to hit the market at once.

The parties are believed to be in the final stages of hammering out a definitive orderly marketing agreement, which will remove the threat which has been hanging over the share price almost since the date of the Reuters flotation in 1984.

Reuters shares have been performing strongly in recent weeks partly because market sources suggest the proposed marketing agreement removes the possibility of wholesale disposal of the shares.

It is understood that the parties are hoping to reach agreement in time to present proposals to the annual meeting at the end of April. There is still a possibility that the company, of which Sir Christopher Hogg is chairman, may buy in some of the shares itself, although that option appears less likely as the Reuters share price rises.

Among the leading A holders keen to release the locked-up value of the Reuters shareholding are The News Corporation, parent company of News International, which owns *The Times*. United Newspapers, which owns the Express Newspapers, and Associated Newspapers, the *Daily Mail* group, are substantial shareholders.

Shares are also owned by the Press Association and the Australian Associated Press. Reuters would still be protected by the special Founders Share, controlled by trustees, which can out-vote all the equity.

The News Corporation has indicated it would vote in favour of conversion while United Newspapers is coming to the end of an expensive re-equipment programme, which includes new editorial offices in central London, and is seeking to reduce borrowings of about £300 million.

United is also believed to be in the final stages of agreement to sell the famous Fleet Street landmark, which will become vacant when the *Daily Express* and the *Sunday Express* move to new premises.

A Reuters spokesman said he could not comment on the progress of the discussions about the share structure, while Baring Brothers, the merchant bank advising on the plan, also had no comment.

On Friday, Reuters' widely-held B shares rose 9p to 619p in anticipation of a favourable outcome to the meetings.

The company is due to announce its results next week, and although currency movements may have slowed second-half growth in sterling terms, profits are expected to be about £215 million for the year against £178 million before tax last time.



Marketing agreement in final stages: Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of Reuters Holdings

Offer for Thomson blocked by Panel

By Our City Staff

The City Takeover Panel has become involved in another argument over the interpretation of its rulebook, this time in the £183 million battle for Thomson T-Line.

The Panel has blocked Wembley group, which is chaired by Mr Brian Wolfson, from launching a 95p-a-share cash offer for Thomson, which would have topped the current and final bid from Ladbroke Group by 5p a share. Wembley was apparently prepared to offer a share-swap alternative worth 113p a share.

Under the takeover code Wembley was deemed to have ruled itself out of the battle on January 25, when it declared that discussions with Thomson had been terminated, and, more significantly that it "did not propose to make an offer at the present time."

It is understood that Wembley will be barred from submitting an offer for at least as long as a Ladbroke bid remains on the table.

Thomson is clearly upset that its shareholders are being deprived of a better offer for their shares, but the Panel will have had to consider any investors who may have sold when Wembley first withdrew when the Thomson share price dropped sharply. And allowing a bid would create a precedent it might regret.

Ladbroke last night described the "non-existent bid" as a "last-ditch defence cobbled together by the Thomson board and its advisers," and presses on "with increased confidence" to its February offer deadline.

However, the issue has severely exercised minds at the Takeover Panel, which may come in for criticism from the Ladbroke camp for permitting publication of details of the mooted Wembley offer.

While the Thomson and Wembley camps are cross that the higher bid has been ruled out, Charterhouse acting for Ladbroke, may complain that if the bid were disallowed then its terms inevitably price-sensitive should not have been disclosed.

The Panel view is that while Wembley's offer should not be allowed to proceed Thomson's shareholders should not be deprived of the news that terms had been proposed.

If Thomson holders want a scapegoat they need probably look no further than those who aborted the Wembley talks too prematurely and too finally last month. But Hanson, with its 5 per cent stake may yet enter the arena.

Dealers forecast price surge in NFC shares

By Michael Tate

Chaos is predicted when dealings in NFC shares begin for the first time today, with worried market-makers threatening to boycott early trading.

Share dealings in NFC, the Pickfords, BRS and National Carriers haulage conglomerate, now owned by its 40,000 employees and pensioners, will begin at 9am, but with virtually no stock available, dealers fear a scramble for shares.

That could fuel a spectacular, early surge in the share price. An opening price of about 215p to 220p has been predicted, but some market-men suggested over the weekend that it could touch 280p before the first day is over. The last time the shares were traded on NFC's internal market they changed hands at 185p.

At least six firms of market-makers have agreed to trade the shares, but many of the big firms have turned down the opportunity, including Kitcat & Aitken, co-broker to the issue. "We took the view it would not be a viable market," said a Kitcat dealer. "Every institution in London will be looking for stock. It was likely to cost us money. We're in good company, with Smith Bros and Kleinwort turning it down.

"We'll look at it again when the dust has settled in three months' time."

Some of those who have agreed to make a market – including Phillips & Drew, County NatWest, BZW and SG Warburg, have developed cold feet. "It looks like a bunfight," said one. "We're worried the market could race out of control," said another. Even P&D, whose corporate finance division has sponsored the flotation, admits that early trading is likely to be "fairly lively."

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The alarm is prompted by the lack of available stock. Normally the flotation of a £700 million company such as NFC is accompanied by a sale of new shares, of which a substantial chunk would go to institutions and a proportion to the market-makers, to facilitate an orderly market when dealings begin.

The only new NFC shares are the 67 million offered to the existing shareholders – the workforce, past and present – through a rights issue. Priced at a bargain 130p each, most are likely to have been snapped up by shareholders, although some are bound to have become available for institutions.

Unless there is a massive rush to sell by the company's 27,000 employees and 18,000 pensioners on the first morning, however, an extremely tight market is inevitable.

Sir Peter Thompson, the NFC chairman who led the employees and their families in the £53.5 million buyout of the company from the Government in 1982, has said he hopes the workforce will not rush to cash in the shares. This was one reason for making the rights issue so attractive.

Some, however, attracted by paper profits totalling thousands of pounds, may decide to sell, but the added problem for dealers is that they will dribble out in small parcels.

ConsGold to review bid defences

By Our City Staff

Consolidated Gold Fields will this week be reviewing its options should Sir Michael Edwardes' Minorco renew its takeover campaign.

Sir Michael has until February 23 to decide whether to take advantage of last week's clearance by Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary.

Among the options is the possible flotation of the ARC aggregates business.

However, Mr Rudolph Agnew, the ConsGold chairman, is unlikely to want to consider such a dramatic move unless the position becomes desperate.

There are also question marks over the future of Cons Gold's 49 per cent stake in Newmont Mining, in which the Canadian mining group, Placer Dome, is reported to have a keen interest.

Expected rise in US rates set to lift dollar

By Our Economics Correspondent

Expectations of higher US interest rates, after Friday's Washington meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers, are set to fuel further gains for the dollar this week.

The Federal Open Market Committee meets tomorrow to consider the latest evidence on the US economy. January job figures showed a 408,000 rise in non-farm employment suggesting the economy continues to grow strongly.

Ministers' comments after the G7 meeting appeared to indicate they were reconciled to the prospect of higher US interest rates. The Federal Funds rate, the key US interest rate, has been trading at just above 9 per cent.

There is concern that a further tightening by the Fed could push the dollar to unsustainable levels. But, against this, the G7 participants recognized that the Fed's central task was to maintain control over US inflation.

Foreign exchange dealers will be wary of pushing the dollar too sharply, however, because the G7 remains committed to co-operation, and this could involve collective central bank intervention.

The West German team at the talks, finance minister Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg and Bundesbank president Dr Karl Otto Pöhl, expressed the main concern about inflation. A further rise in German rates could follow any US move, particularly if the dollar rises convincingly above DM1.90.

Pay awards jump as skill shortage grows

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Evidence of higher pay settlements and growing skill shortages is provided by two reports out today.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce's *Quarterly Skills Shortage Survey* shows that 65 per cent of manufacturing firms and 55 per cent of service sector companies are experiencing recruitment difficulties – a factor which will be read as adding to the pressures on inflation.

The survey, conducted among 3,000 ABCC members and covering the fourth quarter of last year shows the highest proportion of manufacturing companies reporting recruitment difficulties in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire (76 per cent). These are followed by the West Midlands (73 per cent), London and Merseyside (both 70 per cent).

Although shortages of skilled manual labour remain important, shortages of [illegible] workers and unskilled [illegible] workers are increasing.

The Confederation of British Industry in its latest *Employment Affairs Report* says pay settlements in manufacturing industry averaged 6.9 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year up from 6.3 per cent in the third quarter.

While the spread of pay settlements remains wide, the bulk of settlements are concentrated in the 5.5 to 7.5 per cent area.

In service industries pay rises in the second half of last year averaged about 7.3 per cent.

Consultants' vision of the future

Wanted: astrologers and delivery boys

By Graham Searjeant

By the year 2010, the fastest-booming job opportunities in Britain will be for astrologers, linguists, delivery boys and hologram designers. Company meetings and general elections could be decided by people voting electronically from home. Marriages might be made on seven-year renewable contracts and retirement ages abolished altogether. There will be a property boom in the Orkneys. Buckingham Palace will host charity telethons four times a year and the world's largest company will be a Chinese-backed Australian multinational.

Well, they might be – but only if the ideas of the futurist business consultants of London's Applied Futures are realized. They see a combination of technical change and spiritual development changing the economy and society in as revolutionary a way as the Renaissance and Reformation swept away the medieval world.

Tiring of mere materialism after prolonged affluence, people will turn inward to explore their potential, the consultants say, and become more concerned about quality in their work, health and way of life as well as in spending money. Technical change, particularly the electronic and information revolution, will enable people to try far more things for themselves, from diagnosing their illnesses to running their own businesses.

In the new age, which Applied Futures calls "the paradigm of consciousness", a generation of Renaissance men and working women will require work to be one of life's pleasures and consumers will look "to buy experiences rather than merely goods".

Mrs Christine MacNulty, one of the team behind the 191-page report (available from today for those who wish to pay £2,200 plus VAT), insists that their vision is a combination of scenarios rather than a prediction.

For this "highly optimistic" vision to be realized, businesses and government will have to think differently. "We feel that so much of British industry is focusing on 1992 that people are not looking beyond that in their business and product planning," says Mrs MacNulty. "That emphasis, and the short-term pressures from the City, are not doing much good for industry."

Businesses should plan ahead for a more service-dominated economy in Britain, more like the current developments among young Japanese.

The drudgery of shopping for the weekly groceries, for example, will be out for the discerning consumers of 2010. They will expect to order routine items by telephone or computer, and have the goods delivered.

Existing department stores would give way to theme department stores, in which consumers would expect instruction and entertainment connected to the theme, be it health, sport or fashion. And local shops specializing in healthy fresh foods will supplement the monthly visit to the supermarket.

Shops and other businesses will be open almost all the time in a 24-hour economy geared to convenience and staggered working. Goods will be sold with services such as instruction and maintenance attached. Short-stay, long-distance travel will boom. As will weather-protected leisure centres, making museums as well as health and education growth industries of the private sector.

"Creativity and innovation will be the corner-stones of tomorrow's businesses," says Applied Futures, while Asian economies will be left to pile it high and sell it cheap.

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British Empire bids for global domination in trust wars

As stock market backwaters go, the investment trust business is hardly in the class of profitable obscurity attained by the statutory water companies, whose fixed dividend shares suddenly multiplied tenfold in a year.

Among substantial market sectors, however, the £20 billion assets managed by the trusts are now subject to more systematic corporate activity than any other, as takeover bids, reconstructions and conversions to open-ended funds follow each other.

For shareholders, the purpose is always the same: to eliminate as much as possible of the discount to the value of the trusts' investments at which their shares habitually trade on the stock market.

Only a few months ago, the discount still averaged more than 22 per cent. By the start of the year, it was down to 19 per cent and it has since shrunk to 16 per cent on the calculations of County NatWest WoodMac, the sector specialists.

The return to favour in 1989 owes as much to the sharp rise in share prices in general as to bids and deals. Demand for trust shares frequently amplifies the cycles of market mood.

But the discount and its possible elimination add enough spice to make trusts one of the best vehicles for investors to ride a bull phase in the markets.

Friday's bid for Schroder Global by British Empire Securities illustrates the pace of change. Only two years ago, Schroder changed the policy of Global, formerly the old Trans-Oceanic Trust, and rebuilt its portfolio.

British Empire Securities is a century old this month, but has been transformed under management linked to Imperial Life of Canada and philosophically influenced by the trust's biggest shareholder, the aggressive Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund.

It has found a niche: aiming at capital growth with a concentrated portfolio of asset situations. Hence its cannibalistic concentration on shares in other trusts.

It can cope with a bid package including convertible preference shares, which will raise asset value but could penalize immediate dividends.

Global was a sitting duck: a medium-sized trust with general objectives and a widespread portfolio.

That leaves it somewhat stranded between the institutional investor, who increasingly demands specialization, and private investors, who look for large funds catering to the needs of the individual or trusts offering more sophisticated financial engineering.

It is also the last of a former stable of mainstream investment trusts run by a merchant bank with much larger investment management interests elsewhere. Schroder's newer investment trust interests are completely specialized.

The only escape is therefore via some other mechanism to remove the discount. Schroder may come up with a menu of options to suit different groups of Global's shareholders. It could choose the route pioneered by Lazards, whose Raeburn and Romney Trusts will this week ask shareholders to approve conversion into a Guernsey multi-choice open-ended fund.

It may well win support from the Pearl, its loyal largest shareholder, which with Prudential and Sun Life controls 45 per cent. But British Empire wins either way, since it would still realize the discount on its biggest equity holding.

Norcros

This week Michael Doherty, the new chief at Norcros, will pick up a £54 million cheque from Meyer International.

The event will mark the completion of the deal which saw the group swap its UBM builders' merchants chain for Meyer's Crosby Manufacturing last November, and also bring to an end phase one of Mr Doherty's reconstruction plan at Norcros.

It is less than 12 months since Mr Doherty scrapped plans to run a private management buy-in business after quitting Cope Allman, to take the chair at lacklustre Norcros.

What he took on was a disparate group with eight separate businesses, and a threatening shareholder.

Within weeks Nigel Rudd's Williams Holdings, whose bid the previous year had been seen off by Mr Doherty's predecessor, had ditched its shareholding, and Mr Doherty



Quality counts: Michael Doherty, chief of Norcros

set about ditching more than half the Norcros turnover.

Today Norcros consists of just three divisions – building products, printing and packaging and property development.

That is how Mr Doherty likes it.

Can he persuade an investment world whose patience may need testing for another 12 months before the benefits he perceives begin to show?

Already the market is being softened up for some less than exciting full-year results next June. The best that can be said is that given the upheaval within the group the figures will be pretty academic.

Nobody expects Mr Doherty to unveil any more than a £6 million increase on the £65.3 million he reported last summer.

By then too analysts' eyes may be focusing elsewhere. Norcros has no imminent takeover deal up its sleeve, but the UBM cash will lift shareholders' funds to £180 million against nil borrowings, and Mr Doherty is looking hard.

Among his priorities must be a substantial North American or European addition to its ceramic tile operations, into which it could inject the highly successful management and marketing skills of its British market leader, Johnson's Tiles.

Mr Doherty's message to the world is that quality counts, and his strategy is geared to providing better products and better service. His skills brought him success once at Cope Allman and he deserves a fair crack here.

Failure would inevitably invite back the predators – Norcros still has some impressive brand names – and there may still be a hint of a bid premium in the 342p share price. Those prepared to take a longer view ought to be rewarded one way or the other.

Greenwich Resources

Greenwich Resources, the one mining share which we said last month would either make or break the 1989 mining portfolio, has made a £3.8 million cry for help.

Fresh money is urgently needed to address a chronic cash situation, and new top management has been brought in at the insistence of the banks.

Greenwich is said to have been spending £500,000 a month.

The rights call is on the basis of one-for-three at 43p. Greenwich shares stood at 80p on Friday.

The investment case now rests on two legs: Greenwich's assets and the thoughts about other additions. And the new man at the top, Dr Colin Phipps, chairman of Clyde Petroleum.

The attitude of Greenwich's commercial banks has been accommodating, and is encouraging.

They have agreed to extend their existing lines of credit and do not require any of the rights money to be used to repay or secure existing borrowings.

Rights funds will be deployed as working capital and costs will be trimmed.

Greenwich's assets include mining properties in the Sudan, where mining problems badly upset fortunes and knocked sentiment last year; Egypt; Venezuela, where gold and diamond claims are being evaluated; and Australia, through its controlling stake in United Goldfields.

The Gebeit mine in the Sudan does at least produce gold, as do the Australian interests, and had time and fortune been on its side Greenwich might have been saved its recent traumas.

Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroker, holds 7.8 per cent of the Greenwich equity for its own account, having earlier accommodated a client. The Prudential holds a 6.2 per cent stake.

The new management proposes that Greenwich Resources adds to its asset base by buying its privately-owned Atahualpa company, which would widen Greenwich's geographical net to include alluvial gold and platinum deposits in Ecuador.

In time, mining properties in the established world, to balance those assets in the Third World, are likely to be be added to the fold.

Greenwich has come down, but is not out.

The shares remain an interesting – but obviously speculative – situation.

GILT-EDGED

Margins under attack as the squeeze begins

Mr Nigel Lawson has an excellent record of saying one thing and doing the opposite. The surge in underlying inflation from about 4 per cent in 1986 to about 6 per cent now was accompanied by claims that "the Government's aim is ultimately to achieve price stability."

So when the Chancellor's Chatham House speech rejected current calls for European monetary union, it can be reasonably assumed that sterling is about to join the EMS.

Of course, the Government will not formally admit that Britain has joined, just as it does not formally admit that underlying inflation has reached 6 per cent. The official line is that underlying inflation is 5.1 per cent, the rate for the RPI excluding mortgage interest payments.

The reality is that excluding mortgage rate rises, but not the effect of 30 per cent house price rises (which also boost mortgage interest payments), the RPI has risen by about 5 per cent in 1988.

The reality on the EMS is that sterling is effectively a member of the exchange rate mechanism and has been since early 1987. The band is plus or minus about 3 per cent and there were realignments in March 1988 (taking the central £-DM parity from 2.90 to 3.15) and again in January 1989 (when the central parity moved from 3.15 to 3.30).

This is in spite of the public row between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Lawson last spring, which can be seen as an argument over whether the new central parity should be 3.00 (Mr Lawson's preference) or 3.30. Sadly they compromised at 3.15, and it has taken nearly another year to reach the proper central parity of 3.30.

This delay is worsening the pain of disinflation and brings it closer to the next election. Even so, the Government can take 18 months or so to get the economy moving before the election.

The dynamics of this disinflation are beginning now, with a savage two-pronged attack on profit margins.

From above, prices are



Bush: honeymoon time



Lawson: diverse actions

forced down by weakening domestic demand and by the high exchange rate. From below, margins are being cut by higher wage rises. Evidence for this comes from Nissan and other car companies; the recent downward blip in the official earnings index is irrelevant.

The resulting intense squeeze on profits will last most of this year, but it will imply a slowing of growth rather than a 1980-style recession, because margins are much wider now (a 20-year high) than then (a post-war low).

Companies will complain, but they will not close 25 per cent of capacity again.

The squeeze on margins and weak house prices imply a remarkable prospect: underlying retail price inflation will fall by about 1 per cent over the next nine months, while simultaneously underlying average earnings growth will rise towards a scary 10 per cent.

That takes us to late summer, when the 1989-90 pay negotiations start. Unions will face three factors very different from the current round. Margins will have fallen; the measured RPI will be little more than half its peak rate; and unemployment will have virtually stopped falling.

Average earnings growth will decline sharply, perhaps to about 7 per cent. That will relieve one source of pressure on margins, as will the policy of discouraging sterling from moving much above 3.30. This fall in earnings means that early in 1990, underlying inflation will have been convincingly reduced, and the worst pain of the margin squeeze will be over.

Later that year, whoever is Chancellor can start discreetly priming the pumps for a late 1991 election.

A scenario somewhat like this, though perhaps with rather less sustained reduction in inflation and not as rosy a picture for sterling, has been in the minds of gilts market participants during the recent rally.

The strength of the US Treasury bond market, buoyed by President Bush's honeymoon with Congress, has also helped. In coming weeks, a setback looks highly likely. Like all honeymooners, the President and Congress are sure to fall out sooner or later, perhaps as early as this Thursday, when Mr Bush unveils his proposals for the Federal Budget.

Meanwhile in Britain, more and more bad news on pay must hurt the market. Gilt yields are headed back up before the disinflation allows a rally later this year, although when it comes, that rally will be truly worth waiting for.

Giles Keating
Credit Suisse First Boston

USM REVIEW

Heritage buy is a recipe for expansion abroad

Heritage, the kitchenware and housewares distribution company on the short list for the Best USM Company Award, has made its second strategic acquisition since its USM début last July.

It has bought Boulevard Tableware, a distributor and importer of cutlery, marble houseware and tableware, from Innovative Marketing International, for £440,000.

Boulevard's products include marble rolling pins, pastry boards and pestle and mortars.

Once the two firms are merged – with considerable savings in overheads – Heritage, whose products are mainly from Portugal and France, will be able to use Boulevard's Far Eastern and Yugoslavian connections to diversify its own source of supplies.

Boulevard made profits of £104,000 last year on sales of £1.3 million. At the end of 1988 its net assets were £373,000 – reflected in the purchase price, based on a p/e of 6.5 times.

To pay for this acquisition, Heritage issued 326,000 new ordinary shares to the vendors, which have been placed with a number of institutional investors.

Heritage, which supplies leading retailers such as Allders, Asda, Argos, Boots, J Sainsbury and Tesco, made its first post-USM acquisition in September last year when it bought Surfclass, now known as Heritage Household Textiles, a Manchester supplier of household textiles products such as oven gloves and tea towels – in September last year.

In January this year, Mr Jeffrey Lampart, chairman of Heritage, unveiled a 60 per cent rise in profits for the six months to the end of October, to £273,000.

City analysts are looking for pre-tax profits of at least £750,000 for the full year.

Meanwhile, Ernest Green & Partners, the civil and structural engineers, are trading well even though some sectors of the retail industry are experiencing difficulties.

The company says the food sector is continuing to boom with food retailers looking for large out-of-town sites and better designed stores, and expanding their existing stores into areas such as cosmetics. This especially applies to Sainsbury and Tesco, both of whom are long-standing clients of the firm.

Ernest Green has won contracts with a construction value of £200 million in the food retailing sector and its interim results are due out in March.

Analysts expect these to show a rise in pre-tax profits from £982,000 to £1.2 million – the same figure it attained in the whole of 1986, its first year on the market.

Phillips & Drew, the broker, is looking for full-year profits of £2.7 million, which would represent a 23 per cent increase on the previous year and put the shares on a p/e ratio of just 9.9 times.

Stage set for the winners

The third annual Unlisted Securities Market Awards Dinner draws ever nearer – it is being held in the ballroom at the Grosvenor House Hotel on February 15 – and the pressure is mounting as a number of companies and entrepreneurs vie with one another for the coveted trophies.

The voting forms, which had been dispatched to USM company chairmen, journalists, analysts and financial advisers, have now been returned and the short lists drawn up.

The eventual winners will be chosen by a panel of judges comprising Messrs, Graham Cole, of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, Gary Fitzgerald, a director of both Framlington Group and Throgmorton USM Trust, Anthony Hilton, City Editor of the *Evening Standard*, Bill Hislop, chairman of Cannon Street Investments (USM Company of the Year 1986), Ian Restall, publisher of *The USM Magazine*, and Brian Winterflood, founder of Winterflood Securities.

The six companies on the short list for the USM Company of the Year award include last year's winner, Blenheim Exhibitions, the trade exhibition and conference organizer, Cityvision, the video film hire group, Colorvision, the Liverpool-based television and video retailer, Heritage Group, the kitchenware and houseware distributor, Misys, the computer software house, and Parkway, which specializes in photography, typesetting, photocomposing and repro work for the printing and design industry.

Miss Sophie Mirman, of Sock Shop fame, who won last year's award for being the Entrepreneur of the Year, does not win a mention in the short list for that award this time round. She has been pushed aside in favour of Mr Neville Buch, of Blenheim, Mr Derek Cook, of DC Cook, the motor distributor, Mr Tom Forrest, of Rockwood, Mr Mike Keen of Corton Beach, Mr Kevin Lomax, of Misys and Mr David McErlain, of Southern Business Group.

The contenders for the Overseas Company of the Year award are Pacer Systems, the US defence contractor which won last year, Optometrics, the Boston and Yorkshire optical instrument manufacturer, which has just appointed Mr David Storey as managing director of its UK arm, and Printech, the Irish specialist printer.

Carol Leonard

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Old Sovereigns: $91.50-92.50 (£52.50-53.25)
Napoleons: $283.50 ($280.00)
Palmbullions: $139.25 ($79.50)
Silver: $6.80-6.82 (£3.330-3.345)

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Blue Arrow may fall short of £75m

TODAY

Interims: Excalibur Jewellery, Howard Holdings.
Finals: Chestergate Group, Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, Impala Platinum Holdings.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

TOMORROW

The City will be scrutinizing the belated annual figures of Blue Arrow, the world's biggest employment agency, even closer after the seven-day delay, with many dealers assuming that the numbers will now be even worse than expected.

Analysts had already severely downgraded their forecasts in recent months, from initial estimates of £110 million to £80 million before tax. Phillips & Drew, Blue Arrow's own broker, is now going for £76 million while James Capel is looking for £74 million. Both houses had been expecting £80 million before the news of the delay.

Elsewhere, some bears in the market believe the outcome could even be as low as £70 million. Last year's figure was £29.1 million, although this predated the massive Manpower acquisition in the US which brought Mr Mitchell Fromstein, an American, into the group.

Mr Tony Berry, the man who built up Blue Arrow in recent years, was ousted as chief executive in a boardroom coup which saw Mr Fromstein take his place. Therefore, some observers say, Mr Fromstein is likely to want all of the bad news out of the way in one fell swoop, in a set of figures which cover a period well before he took control.

Meanwhile, the County NatWest affair, involving the merchant bank's handling of the huge rights issue which accompanied the Manpower purchase, grinds on, although Blue Arrow has said that the delay in releasing the figures is in no way connected with this.

Securicor Group — where Mr Peter Smith is the chairman — and Security Services, its 51 per cent-owned offshoot, will report figures for the year to end-September and they have already said that Cellnet, the mobile-radio joint venture, with British Telecom will show a first-time profit contribution in the second half-year.



Fromstein: results delayed from last week



Smith: first-time contribution from Cellnet

Analysts are looking for about £27 million before tax from Securicor and something above £19 million from its associate, against £20 million and £16.1 million respectively last time.

They will also be expecting some hint on where the next bout of expansion is coming from — and where the companies' cash stream is to be invested to maintain high growth.

Interims: Cray Electronics Holdings, Heiton Holdings, Unitel.
Finals: Aaronson Bros, Beckenham Group, Blue Arrow, Securicor Group, Security Services, Titaghur Jute Factory.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Davies (DY).
Finals: P&P Plc, Sutherland Holdings.

THURSDAY

Bryant Group, the housebuilder, is almost unrecognizable from the company for which English China Clay's bid unsuccessfully in 1986. Since the bid, Bryant's growth has been excellent with profits for the year 1987-88 jumping by 76 per cent.

Mr Jeremy Withers Green, an analyst at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, expects Bryant to report interim pre-tax profits of between £26 million and £27 million compared with £22.5 million last time.

He says that Bryant will have benefited from the strong housing market. It will also have had the benefits of the extremely successful Pavilions shopping centre in Birmingham coming through, with a £16 million profit on this development being spread over three years; the final £5.5 million is likely to be contributed in 1988-89.

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Bryant Group.

FRIDAY

Interims: None announced.
Finals: None announced.

Martin Waller and Geoffrey Foster

Deutsche lures BS with £210m tag

By Colin Narbrough

Deutsche Bank has put a tempting price tag of about £210 million on Klöckner & Co, the leading West German steel trading group it is trying to sell to the acquisition-hungry British Steel (BS).

Sir Robert Scholey, BS chairman, has made plain his desire to make strategic acquisitions in Europe, especially West Germany, the region's biggest steel consumer, but has yet to signal that the newly-privatized, cash-rich BS is ready to buy Klöckner.

The market, however, is anticipating an early move and BS's share price has climbed more than 10 per cent in the past week and a half.

The failed attempt by West Germany's premier steelmaker, Thyssen, to take over all, or part of, its arch-rival Krupp has further focused attention on BS as a key player in the long-awaited shake-up of West German steel.

Deutsche, a powerful force behind West German steel, rescued Klöckner last year. It also owns 18 per cent of Klöckner-Werke, the country's third largest steelmaker.

Despite the attractions of the Klöckner offer, BS has made clear it is not going to be rushed into a deal. It has also been dismissive of suggestions that it is looking beyond the trading company towards actually acquiring steel mills in West Germany.



Scholey: not to be rushed

West German financial circles are meanwhile talking of a "gesamtlösung" — an overall solution for the Klöckner steel, engineering and trading empire. Thyssen's failed merger attempt with Krupp puts an end, for the moment, to the possibility of large-scale rationalization through an all-German tie-up. Though such link-ups have always presented political and anti-trust difficulties, BS is likely to be less susceptible to such local concerns.

IEA book criticizes state sales

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Government's framework for privatizing the electricity industry will not result in discernible improvements in competition and or lower electricity costs, according to a book published today by the Institute of Economic Affairs.

The book, which is edited by Dr Cento Veljanovski, the IEA's research director, is critical of the Government's approach to state sell-offs.

"The Government's privatization programme has sacrificed the goal of greater competition and introducing more market forces for short-term considerations," it says.

The proposed structure for the electricity generating industry in England and Wales "has the seeds of collusion and monopoly abuse," it adds.

The gains from collusion are high, because there are few close substitutes for electricity, and prices are unlikely to fall by very much. "Competitive forces will probably not be sufficiently strong in a duopolistic market, either to reduce costs dramatically, or to pass on to consumers any gains which did occur."

Privatization & Competition: A Market Prospectus, Hobart Paperback 28, £9.50.

Inquiry starts critical week in MSCC war over changes

By A Correspondent

The three-year struggle over the Manchester Ship Canal, one of Britain's longest-running takeover sagas, enters a critical phase this week.

A public inquiry convened by the Department of Transport, due to open in Manchester tomorrow, will be the stage for a confrontation between Mr John Whittaker, who controls the company by owning a majority of its preference shares, and groups representing shareholders who have a majority of the ordinary shares but a minority of the votes.

At stake are the benefits arising from the development of 6,000 acres of land alongside the canal, much of it in prime strategic positions in Manchester and Salford.

Officially the inquiry is simply to consider constitutional changes to the MSCC proposed by its management. But opposition groups are likely to use it as an opportunity to examine the methods and intentions of Mr Whittaker. They will accuse him of trying to squeeze out small investors and deprive them of the results of the development scheme.

Detailed in the terms of a Harbour Revision Order, the constitutional changes proposed by the MSCC will grant it extra borrowing powers of £45 million and remove an 85-year-old council majority on its board. These plans are opposed by groups representing small MSCC shareholders and by institutions which still hold MSCC shares — including the Prudential, Globe Investment Trust and Carroll Industries.



John Whittaker: opposition

They say the changes will further strengthen Mr Whittaker's position within the company at the expense of their own. But the MSCC management says they are necessary to ensure the speedy development of its assets.

At the heart of the dispute is the nature of the ship canal project. Completed 104 years ago, it was seen as a way of undermining the activities of Manchester's rival, Liverpool. But it was striken with problems from the start and bailed out by the local council in the early years of the century.

The boardroom majority which Manchester City Council secured then is what Mr Whittaker wants to abolish.

Leading the opposition is Mr Nicholas Berry, a former MSCC chairman, who contends that an HRO is inappropriate for the proposed changes. He says they should be the subject of a more time-consuming Act of Parliament. "This is a highly unusual situation," he says. "There has never been an HRO like it."

But Mr Berry concedes that the main argument at the inquiry will relate to his claim that Mr Whittaker is unfairly pressuring other shareholders. He points out that shareholders have already been deprived of an annual dividend and asks what else will happen if the protection afforded to shareholders by the council's presence is removed.

But there is considerable local support for Mr Whittaker, who is seen as the sort of dynamic figure the canal company needs to set its development plans moving.

US NOTEBOOK

Greenback power has the whole world in its grip

The strength of the dollar has now panicked the central banks. On Friday, when the large employment figure for January (up 408,00) was published, the massed power of the Federal Reserve and the European central banks was deployed within minutes of the 8.30am announcement.

But continuous heavy dollar sales by the central banks merely put a brake on its rise. The US financial markets are now the preferred haven for billions upon billions of foreign money.

So the answer for the global money manager and indeed for the domestic money manager is clear. It is time to invest in America.

I expect the dollar will keep on pushing on the top end of the central banks' intervention ranges for some time.

This is because Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, is going to have to maintain strong pressure to cut domestic US demand in the first half of 1989.

American imports are too high and are rising and exports are being jeopardized by a lack of incentive with such a strong domestic market.

It needs less imports and more exports and for that it does not need a cheaper dollar.

A further tightening of the Federal Reserve's already tight grip on United States money and on short-term interest rates will therefore continue until there is clear evidence that domestic spending growth has slowed materially. There is no evidence of that as yet.

One lesson of Friday's employment figure was that Mr Greenspan's detractors in Washington (those who made President Bush suggest the Fed's policy could be "too tight") have suffered an important setback.

They simply cannot argue their case with credibility in the light of the huge rise in January employment.

Fortunately, there is still little or no evidence of a rise in US wages. The index of hourly average earnings, which in June 1988 was up 3.3 per cent over a year previously, was up 3.6 per cent in January.

The trend is undesirable, but at present Americans are more concerned with holding their jobs than in being paid more per hour for what they do.

Meanwhile, the latest US money growth figures underline the extremity of the freeze on US money growth.

In January, as compared with December, the growth rate of M1 and M2 was under 1 per cent a year and the growth rate of M3 was under 2 per cent a year.

These extraordinary figures are unprecedented. They provide ample confirmation that inflation and growth in the United States are more likely to decelerate than to accelerate and that the growing global scarcity of dollars is likely to increase rather than decline in the coming months. By now, the forces arrayed against the global expansion are becoming rather formidable.

High short-term interest rates, with a prospect of still higher rates in Europe and the US, added to the already high levels prevailing in Australia, Canada and New Zealand must be seen as threatening to global expansion.

The only leading power that has not moved over to severe monetary restraint is Japan.

Hence, in the developing global fight against what is perceived as an important inflation problem, Japan will be likely to play a large role in the adjustment that is being sought — meaning much higher Japanese imports and a brake on Japanese exports.

The central banks' rationale for their policy is that unless growth is restrained now, there will be less prospect of sustained growth farther out. This is certainly the public view of the Fed and the Bank of Japan.

Armed now with further evidence that his restrictive policy has been correct, Mr Greenspan must be expected to tighten further. This does not mean US medium- and long-term interest rates will rise.

Indeed, further expected increases in the Federal Funds rate and even the Discount Rate are positive for both US stocks and bonds, something the markets themselves have recognized.

Maxwell Newton
New York

'Savage threat to IFA numbers'

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

A group of 22 independent financial advisers has written to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, to give her warning that the Financial Services Act will produce a "savage" reduction in their numbers.

The 22, who all come from the West Midlands, say the independent financial adviser (IFA) is "the consumer's only true friend."

They claim that the demise of a large number of them over the next few years will have a serious effect.

At the heart of their cry of anguish is the intention of the Securities and Investments Board to make IFAs tell the public what percentage of premiums will be paid over as commission — while tied agents who work for just one company will have to disclose their status but nothing about the way they are paid.

The group, which represents 16 financial firms, says the net effect of tied agents being paid 30 per cent higher commissions and being given help with office expenses means a typical independent can expect to be £46,077 a year worse off than his tied counterpart.

The group's manifesto, which has also been sent to SIB as part of its consultations on commissions, says: "Some IFAs will hope never to surrender their independence and freedom of choice on behalf of their clients and will do everything they can to soldier on. They would rather sell the business or retire, rather than compromise their principles. But we fear that there will be very many others — probably the majority — who will be unable to buck hard economics."

Mr Brian Whitlock, of BW&S Management Services, and the new group's spokesman, said: "We thought it was time we did something, not as individuals but collectively."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Montagu top of the team

The Sports Minister, Colin Moynihan, announced last week that Samuel Montagu would, for the third year in succession, be sponsoring both the British Nordic — cross-country — Ski Team and the Biathlon Team — skiing and shooting combined — to the tune of £30,000. But his announcement also heralded a new era for the sport. For the first time in its history, it will have direct access in future to its own financial adviser: Peter Jones, a corporate finance director at . . . Samuel Montagu. Jones, who is aged 35 and is more used to dealing with the ups and downs of Government privatizations such as Rolls-Royce and British Steel, is nevertheless delighted with his new role on the British Ski Federation committee. A keen cross-country skier himself, he took up the sport to facilitate his first love, Scottish hill walking, during the winter. "I'm trying to walk up all 277 mountains over 3,000 ft high in Scotland, and I've done 236 so far. That has taken me five years and I hope to finish the lot by the end of 1990," Jones tells me. And he hopes to persuade two or three companies to sponsor cross-country skiing, to help raise its profile. "It has never had major sponsorship before," says Jones. "That's why most of the competitors are military personnel — they're the only people who can afford the time to spend five months in training."

Banking on a smoke

Merchant bankers really will do anything for money or business. Having failed with hypnosis and acupunture, weed-addicted David Reed of County NatWest has finally succumbed to filthy lucre. Reed, a managing director of County and head of its corporate advisory division, has a £15,000 bet with a syndicate of well-meaning friends that he will — or rather will not — give up smoking at the beginning of next month. The deadline has already been delayed a month. Partners in the deal include Derek Hunt of MFI — who successfully gave up himself six weeks ago — fellow County director Noel Healey and Reed's brother. I am told Hunt considers his money to be as good as in the bank.

Boxed in

After the success of last year's Enterprise Zone Property Trust, Laser 1988, for which Johnson Fry raised £29 million in just eight weeks, Fry's latest newsletter to clients was supposed to carry an article on the 1989 scheme which enables companies and individuals to take advantage of the tax relief available for buying commercial property in Enterprise Zones. But, as the newsletter explained: "Then we took legal advice to ensure that our article complied with the advertising requirements of the Financial Services Act 1986 . . . this is all that remains of it!" And beneath the message is an empty box measuring 6 ins by 4 ins.



"They're either practising for the boat race or undecided about the market"

● If you travel on public transport and get irritated when within earshot of one of those so-called personal stereos that are about as personal as a cold, you had better brace yourself for something much worse. From this spring, Sony will be exporting not only ordinary Walkmans but also — Video Walkmans. Already a considerable success in Japan, these portable 8mm videotape recorders and players, with a liquid crystal television screen, weigh just three pounds.

New turn for Croker

Ted Croker, who this week performs his last official duties as chief executive and general secretary of the Football Association after 16 years in the job, will not be turning his back entirely on his sporting connections. For he has, I hear, just been made chairman of Harrington Kilbride, a publishing house which specializes in sports year books — including the MCC — and official magazines. Although Harrington is privately owned, once Croker, aged 65, has his feet firmly under his new desk, itcould, methinks, soon find its way on to the Unlisted Securities Market. Croker, who turned down the chairmanship of a football club to take this position, clearly thinks it has potential. In spite of his long career in sport — he was himself a professional footballer with Charlton Athletic more than 40 years ago — he is no stranger to the world of business. In 1961 he sold his house to start Croker (Cheltenham) Ltd, an engineering company, which is now part of BTR. A remarkable individual, during a spell in the RAF after the Second World War, Croker was awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct. When a training flight crashed in the Pennines, he set off, without any shoes, to find help for two injured colleagues. It was only when they were recovering in hospital that it was discovered that Croker had broken both his ankles.

Carol Leonard

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Apricot Computers	Electricals	
2	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
3	Saville Gordon (J)	Industrials S-Z	
4	Time Products	Drapery,Stores	
5	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	
6	Ward Group	Building,Roads	
7	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
8	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
9	Sock Shop	Drapery,Stores	
10	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
11	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
13	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
14	Unilever (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
15	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
16	BBH Group	Property	
17	Grainger	Property	
18	Metalrax	Industrials L-R	
19	Cambridge Instr	Electricals	
20	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
21	Fitch-RS	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Baileys	Foods	
23	Greenall Whitley	Breweries	
24	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
25	Harland Simon	Electricals	
26	Smiths Ind (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
27	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
28	Delyn Packaging	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Caird Gp	Property	
31	Provident	Banks,Discount	
32	Alba	Electricals	
33	Mitel	Electricals	
34	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
35	Imry Merch	Property	
36	Hong Kong Land	Property	
37	Davy	Industrials A-D	
38	Rothschild (J) Hld	Banks,Discount	
39	Asda	Property	
40	Beale (John)	Textiles	
41	Bolton	Textiles	
42	Plaxton	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Capital Radio	Leisure	
44	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
491m	Treas 3% 1989	98¼	+⅛	3.1	..
581m	Treas 5% 1986-89	96⅝	..	5.2	..
1143m	Treas C9½% 1989	99⅝	..	9.6	..
2376m	Exch 10% 1989	99	..	10.1	..
1193m	Exch 10½% 1989	99½	..	10.3	..
1390m	Treas 10½% 1989	99¾	..	10.6	..
1385m	Exch 11% 1989	99¼	..	11.1	..
448m	Exch 2½% 1990	89⅝	+⅛	2.8	..
506m	Treas 3% 1990	92⅞	..	3.2	..
263m	Treas 8% 1990	96¼	+⅛	8.1	..
560m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	96¾	+⅛	8.5	..
1863m	Treas 10% 1990	98½	−⅛	10.1	..
1338m	Exch 11% 1990	99¾	..	11.0	..
1268m	Exch 12¼% 1990	101¼	−⅛	12.3	..
1015m	Treas 13% 1990	101½	..	12.8	..
352m	Treas 3% 1991	88	+⅛	3.4	..
366m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	91½	..	6.3	..
1269m	Treas 8% 1991	94	..	8.6	..
999m	Treas C10% 1991	99⅝	..	10.0	..
1565m	Exch 11% 1991	100⅝	−⅛	10.9	..
2235m	Treas 11¾% 1991	101½	−⅛	11.6	..
421m	Treas 3% 1992	84¼	+⅛	3.6	..
1454m	Treas 8% 1992	93⅞	..	8.5	..
1569m	Treas 10% 1992	99¼	..	10.1	..
1256m	Treas C10¼% 1992	100½	..	10.4	..
1425m	Exch 12¼% 1992	105⅝	..	11.8	..
956m	Treas 12¾% 1992	106¼	−⅛	12.0	..
1928m	Exch 13½% 1992	109⅝	−⅛	12.3	..
522m	Fund 6% 1993	87	+⅛	6.9	..
752m	Treas 8¼% 1993	94	..	8.8	..
1850m	Treas 10% 1993	100	..	10.0	..
1192m	Treas 12½% 1993	108⅝	−⅛	11.5	..
1418m	Treas 13¾% 1993	113⅝	..	12.1	..

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
987m	Treas 8½% 1994	94	● ..	9.0	..
880m	Treas 8½% 1994 a	92	● ..	9.2	..
987m	Treas 9% 1994	94	● ..	9.0	..
1403m	Treas 10% 1994	100¼	..	10.0	..
1703m	Exch 12½% 1994	109⅝ ●	..	11.4	..
1248m	Exch 13½% 1994	113¼	..	11.9	..
704m	Treas 14½% 1994	117⅝ ●	..	12.3	..
168m	Gas 3% 1990-95	78	+⅛	3.8	..
2126m	Exch 10¼% 1995	101¼	..	10.1	..
2548m	Treas 12% 1995	108⅝	..	11.1	..
1133m	Treas 12¾% 1995	113¼	..	11.3	..
728m	Treas 9% 1992-96	97⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
1120m	Conv 10% 1996	101	+⅛	9.9	..
934m	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅝	+⅛	11.3	..
1071m	Treas 14% 1996	119	..	11.8	..
1706m	Treas 15¼% 1996	126⅝	..	12.1	..
2470m	Treas 8¾% 1997	95	● +⅛	9.2	..
3218m	Exch 10½% 1997	103⅝ ●	+⅛	10.1	..
1789m	Treas 13¼% 1997	117⅝	+⅛	11.2	..
1281m	Exch 15% 1997	128⅛	+⅛	11.7	..
1281m	Exch 15% 1997	128⅛	+⅛	11.7	..
845m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	84½	+⅛	8.0	..
2854m	Exch 9¾% 1998	100⅛	+⅛	9.7	..
2837m	Exch 12% 1998	113½	+⅛	10.6	..
1471m	Treas 15½% 1998	133⅝	+⅛	11.6	..
1250m	Treas 9½% 1999	100	+⅛	9.5	..
1808m	Conv 10¼% 1999	103⅝	+⅛	9.9	..
1317m	Treas 10½% 1999	105⅛	+⅛	10.0	..
3345m	Exch 12¼% 1999	115⅝	+⅛	10.6	..
1238m	Treas 8½% 2000	93⅝	+⅛	9.1	..
1508m	Conv 9% 2000	97	● +⅛	9.3	..
2215m	Treas 13% 2000	121⅝	+⅛	10.7	..
815m	Conv 9¾% 2001	101⅛ ●	+⅛	9.6	..
1083m	Treas 10% 2001	103⅛ ●	+⅛	9.7	..
1550m	Treas 14% 1998-01	124	+⅛	11.3	..
1283m	Exch 9% 2002	97⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
1485m	Treas 9¾% 2002	102⅝ ●	+⅛	9.5	..
744m	Conv 10% 2002	104	+⅛	9.6	..
1817m	Exch 12% 1999-02	113½	+⅛	10.6	..
1051m	Treas 10% 2003	105⅛ ●	+⅛	9.5	..
2275m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	126⅝	+⅛	10.9	..

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
285m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	59⅛	+⅛	5.8	..
1392m	Conv 9½% 2004	102⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
955m	Treas 10% 2004	106⅛	+⅛	9.4	..
2147m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+⅛	10.2	..
1928m	Conv 9½% 2005	102⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
1198m	Exch 10½% 2005	111⅛	+⅛	9.4	..
2741m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124⅝	+⅛	10.0	..
1626m	Treas 8% 2002-06	90⅛	+⅛	8.9	..
727m	Conv 9¾% 2006	105⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
1382m	Treas 8½% 2007	95⅛	+⅛	8.9	..
3724m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	118⅛	+⅛	9.9	..
1807m	Treas 9% 2008	100⅝	+⅛	9.0	..
1675m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+⅛	10.1	..
915m	Treas 8% 2009	91⅛	+⅛	8.7	..
404m	Conv 9% 2011	101⅛	+⅛	8.9	..
880m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	68	● ..	8.1	..
622m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89⅛	+⅛	8.7	..
1310m	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+⅛	9.2	..

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Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
77m	Consols 2½%	28⅛	..	8.8	..
762m	Consols 4%	44⅛	..	8.9	..
90m	Conv 3½%	65	+2	5.4	..
134m	Treas 2½%	28⅛	..	8.9	..
18m	Treas 3%	33⅛	..	9.0	..
766m	War Ln 3½%	40⅛	+⅛	8.7	..

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Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
626m	Treas IL 2% 1990	125⅝	..	2.1	..
682m	Treas IL 2% 1992	109	+⅛	2.1	..
387m	Treas IL 2% 1994	98⅛	+⅛	2.2	..
1414m	Treas IL 2% 1996	141⅛	+⅛	2.2	..
1096m	Treas IL2½% 2001	121⅛	+1⅛	2.8	..
958m	Treas IL2½% 2003	119⅛	+1⅛	2.9	..
1464m	Treas IL 2% 2006	122	+1⅛	3.5	..
1068m	Treas IL2½% 2009	114⅛	+1⅛	3.0	..
1813m	Treas IL2½% 2011	119⅛	● +1⅛	3.0	..
397m	Treas IL2½% 2013	99⅝	● +1⅛	3.0	..
1602m	Treas IL2½% 2016	107⅛	+1⅛	3.1	..
1522m	Treas IL2½% 2020	104⅛	+1⅛	3.1	..
787m	Treas IL2½% 2024	88⅛	+1	3.1	..

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
725.0m	Allied Irish	284	..	..	..	..
82.7m	Anglo Leasing	251	−4	6.3	2.1	14.1
145.0m	Ansbacher (Henry)	78	..	2.7	3.5	33.3
2,239.0m	Aus New Z	288	●−2	..	g	..
2,152.0m	Bankamerica	£11⅛	−⅛	..	..	..
637.4m	Bank of Ireland	255	−1	..	..	..
1,231.1m	Bank Leumi Israel	£17½	..	..	..	..
23.0m	Bank Leumi UK	350	..	16.6	4.8	11.5
756.0m	Bank Of Scotland	101	+2	5.8	5.7	9.3
21.4m	Bank Of Wales	67	+3	3.7	5.5	9.8
5,117.0m	Barclays (aa)	461	−4	27.9	6.1	22.7
15.0m	Benchmark	28	..	2.2	7.8	16.0
54.0m	Brown Shipley	340	+1	14.0	4.1	12.7
8,302.000	Bus Mortgage	82	..	..	..	..
69.2m	Cater Allen	365	−10	30.0	8.2	12.6
42.3m	Cattles	84	+2	3.7	5.8	12.0
46.7m	Chancery	229	+20	8.9	3.7	14.0
1,587.5m	Chase Manhattan	£17½	● ..	..	..	..
4,940.4m	Citicorp	£15½	● ..	..	..	..
75.5m	Close Bros	205	−10	6.7	3.3	18.2
1,558.9m	Commerzbank	£73⅛	−1⅛	..	..	..
5,795.1m	Deutsche Bank	£160⅛	−4⅛	..	..	..
8,462.000	Equity & Gen	33	..	1.9	5.8	9.9
359.0m	First Nat Finance	280	●+6	15.3	5.9	7.4
135.8m	GPG	42	●+1	2.3	5.5	..
111.7m	Gerrard Nat	253	+5	24.0	8.2	15.9
84.0m	Guinness Mahon	130	●+1	1.6	1.2	18.4
409.5m	Hambros	255	+5	12.4	4.9	10.4
2,816.0m	HK Shanghai	64	+4	3.3	6.1	..
24.9m	Joseph (Leopold)	475	..	19.6	4.1	19.7
21.9m	King & Shaxson	138	..	12.3	8.9	13.9
437.2m	Kleinwort Benson	330	+15	18.7	5.7	8.0
3,072.4m	Lloyds (aa)	379	+24	18.8	5.0	..
23.7m	Lon Scot Bk	42	●−1	2.7	6.4	10.9
2,560.0m	Midland (aa)	468	+9	28.0	6.0	..
499.3m	Morgan Grenfell	309	+9	14.5	4.7	28.7
2,357.1m	Nat Aust Bk	320	+1	..	..	..
4,584.3m	Nat West (aa)	591	+18	33.7	5.7	10.4
172.7m	Provident	349	+7	23.3	6.7	8.8

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MANAGEMENT BUY-OUTS **FOCUS** A SPECIAL REPORT

Coming up fast to take the lead

Despite the stock market crash and high interest rates, management buy-outs in all shapes and sizes are flourishing. Derek Harris finds out why they are so fashionable

Even though the stock market has returned to the pre-crash levels of October 1987, interest rates are high, and there are rumblings from industry about a lessening of confidence. Clearly management buy-outs (MBOs), despite achieving what is now almost high fashion status, might be facing a mixed future.

It could well be only a short-term phenomenon, especially if the Chancellor's interest rates strategy does quickly take the heat out of the economy, allowing the rates to ease and thus bolstering confidence. A possible longer-term problem is the acceptability of buy-outs because of their higher than normal debt to equity ratios. That is also known as the amount of leverage, which is why such deals are known as leveraged buy-outs.

But MBOs and their variants are now a solid part of the financing scene. Last year they accounted for nearly 60 per cent of all venture capital invested.

At Prudential Venture Managers, the venture capital arm of the Prudential insurance and life assurance group, which is one of the big funding operators in the MBO field, Paul Brooks, the managing director, says: "More than anything else it is a matter of confidence.

"There is uncertainty in the market with interest rates as they are. But it is not so much a matter of the interest rates or share prices pushing up values of a business which might be bought out; certainty or otherwise is the key.

"At the moment, the MBO market is confident and why shouldn't it be? It has survived the stock market crash and it is surviving the increases in interest rates."

Not everybody in the industry is as sanguine. David Coles, head of MBOs at Peat Marwick McLintock, the firm of accountants, has produced returns which showed 1988 was a record year for buy-out activity, with 340 deals worth £4.6 billion against the previous year's 330 deals at £3.1 billion. The figures include both buy-outs by existing management and/or staff and buy-ins by an outside management team.

There was a big surge in buy-ins last year which accounted for more than 20 per cent of deals, compared with 8 per cent in 1987.

Cole forecasts that while this year's performance might equal that of 1988, it will not notch up another record. It all depends on interest rates, he says. If these remain high into the summer, MBOs will be in "steep decline", he believes.

But he adds: "With this money dedicated to MBO investment, it would be hazardous to predict a break in the continuous upward trend in MBOs over the decade."

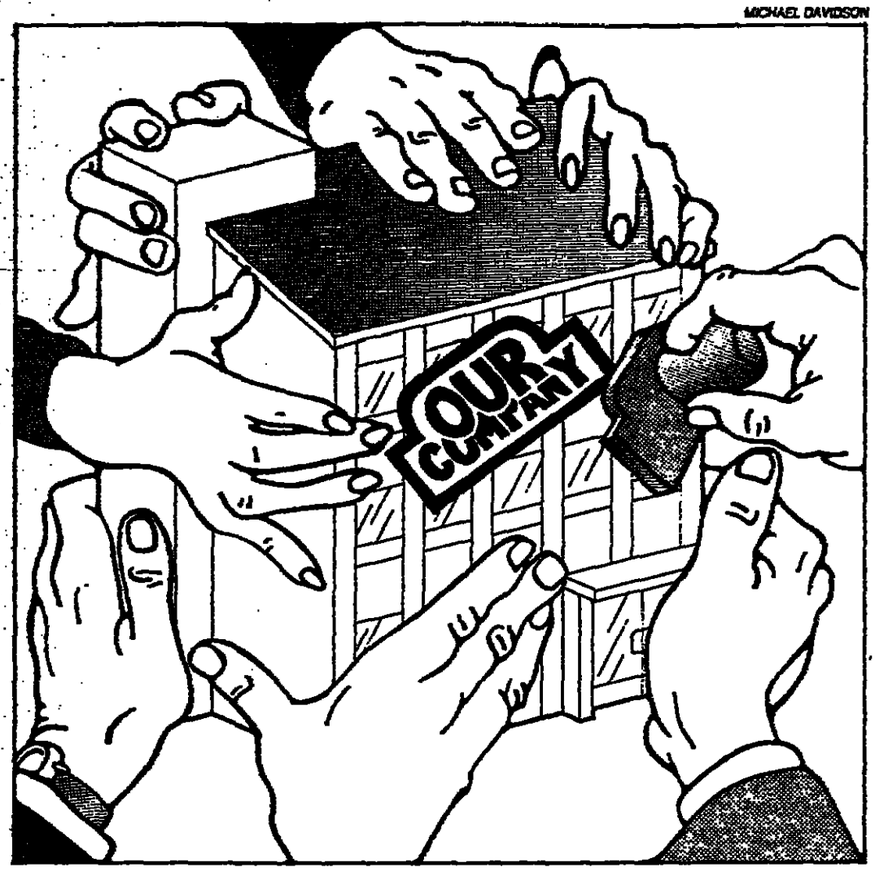
He was, however, nervous about the increasing political concern, especially in the United States, over the scale of leveraged buy-outs. But while US buy-outs debt to equity ratios can be as great as 10:1, those in Britain are much lower at about 3:1, and therefore more acceptable.

In the US, President Bush is heading towards an investigation of leveraged buy-outs. So far in the UK, however, it is the Inland Revenue which has shown the most concern about the tax position of companies with high debt to equity ratios. Because debt interest is allowable against tax, the Exchequer can be the loser.

Clearly, it is a matter of scale, and the Bank of England, for one, does not appear too worried about the situation in Britain. In a keynote speech at the end of last month, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, said the involvement of British banks in leverage financing did not "at this stage" warrant special supervisory treatment.

However, he pointed out the benefits of buy-outs, adding: "I would certainly not wish to suggest that present activity here is undesirable. Many management buy-outs have been a useful source of new energy and direction."

MICHAEL DAVIDSON



UK MANAGEMENT BUY-OUTS/BUY-INS

	Number			Value (£m)		
	MBOs	MBIs	Total	MBOs	MBIs	Total
1980	100	-	100	40	-	40
1981	170	10	180	120	10	130
1982	190	10	200	230	320	550
1983	200	10	210	230	10	240
1984	190	10	200	260	10	270
1985	230	20	250	1,030	30	1,060
1986	270	20	290	1,230	90	1,320
1987	300	30	330	2,820	240	3,060
1988	300	40	340	3,590	1,010	4,600
Total	1,950	150	2,100	9,550	1,720	11,270
Avge pa	215	15	230	1,060	190	1,250

Source: Peat Marwick McLintock

'Many management buy-outs have been a useful source of new energy'





Buying in bulk: Tom Duxbury (top) is leading the Magnet buy-out bid; Brian Larcombe is the director responsible for buy-outs at 3i

At 3i, which is still by far the biggest provider of venture capital in the UK, Brian Larcombe, the director responsible for buy-outs, says: "I would be surprised if at the end of 1989 we do not find the number of buy-outs to be higher. There are quite a lot in the pipeline with a lot of discussions going on."

Larcombe also expects the present records for buy-outs to be broken, with deals coming up that will eclipse those such as MFI-Hygena (which broke from the Asda group, which was returning to its core grocery business) and Reedpack (from the Reed group), both of which were valued at well over £600 million.

"There has been a continuing trend for some time for a rise in the average size of buy-outs," he says. "Among buy-outs worth £10 million or less the volume has been very steady."

This picture equates with Peat Marwick McLintock's market analysis, which tracked 51 deals above the £10 million mark during last year, with a combined value of £4.04 billion, a 57 per cent rise over the 1987 figure.

For 3i, buy-outs worth £10 million or less have been running at about 100 a year for the past three years, so it is likely that this picture will remain the same.

What could strengthen the trend towards larger deals is the increasing number of listed companies figuring in buy-outs, taking them into the unlisted sector on the pattern of Richard Branson's Virgin, Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group or British Syphon.

Among those planned is Magnet, the group which is transforming itself from a builders' merchant to a retailer of kitchens and bedroom furniture. The Magnet buy-out bid, led by Tom Duxbury, the chairman, should value the company at more than £500 million, easily eclipsing the £248 million Virgin deal.

This trend is important for the future of the MBO market, Larcombe believes: "Buy-outs of listed companies have been a key factor in lifting the size of the United States market."

MBOs – WHO'S NEXT

BPCC
buy-out – January 1989
Finance raised
£265 million

HAYS PLC
buy-out – August 1987
Finance raised
£260 million

HUMBERCLYDE FINANCE GROUP
buy-out – September 1987
Finance raised
£204 million

CARADON PLC
buy-out – October 1985
Finance raised
£66.7 million
FLOTATION – JULY 1987

FAIREY GROUP PLC
buy-out – December 1986
Finance raised
£50 million
FLOTATION NOVEMBER 1988

RENTCO INTERNATIONAL
buy-out – May 1987
Finance raised
£45.8 million
SALE TO TIPHOOK PLC DECEMBER 1988

NFK HOLDING BV
(led by Candover's Netherlands Associates, Venture Capital Investors BV)
buy-out – December 1986
Finance raised
£38.4 million
FLOTATION (AMSTERDAM) MAY 1988

DWEK GROUP
buy-out – August 1988
Finance raised
£38.1 million

TALLENT ENGINEERING
buy-out – January 1989
Finance raised
£11 million

RECHEM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PLC
buy-out – December 1985
Finance raised
£2.25 million
FLOTATION – MAY 1988



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MANAGEMENT BUY-OUTS/2

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How the front runners see it

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Is the buy-out market expanding? Will the British institutions allow American-style hostile takeovers to develop over here? Debra Isaac asked three of the leaders in the field for their analyses

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The experts: top, Roger Brooke, of Candover Investments; above, Brian Scammell, of Chemical Bank; right, Robert Smith, of Charterhouse Capital Development

If Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) is the buyout "king" of Wall Street, Roger Brooke, chief executive of Candover Investments, the UK's top independent buy-out firm, is the obvious candidate for the title here. However, although he has backed some of the most aggressive and biggest deals in the UK, including the £265 million buy-out of BPCC from Robert Maxwell in December, Brooke probably would not thank you for the comparison.

Currently in the process of raising a new £250 million MBO fund, the UK's largest, Brooke is trying to dispel fears which he admits have surfaced in the wake of KKR's Nabisco bid and official warnings on corporate debt. He must also quell worries about the UK economy, and the increasing competition on the UK MBO scene. He treads a fine line between promising that Candover is awake to the best opportunities and at the same time is not doing anything too risky.

CANDOVER

Happily, Brooke is expert at making the right soothing noises. A former director of Pearson, and managing director of EMI for six months before the Thorn takeover, he discovered leveraged buy-outs (LBOs) in 1979 and is widely recognized as the man who raised the UK MBO into the £10 million-plus league. In 1980, the Candover-backed £13.5 million buy-out of Ansafone, though it later flopped, made the front pages for breaking new ground.

The highly leveraged BPCC deal, coming close on the heels of the £250 million buy-out of the Hays conglomerate, shows how far Candover has come since then. In 1980, Brooke had funds of £2 million. In 1985, in partnership with Electra Trust, he raised £250 million and Candover is now raising that sum on its own.

Candover's investments have proved among the most successful, with flotations or sales of MBOs showing an internal rate of return of 126 per cent. Candover now claims to be market leader in the number of deals it does in the £10 million-plus bracket.

This success, Brooke says, comes from backing good businesses, backing the right kind of people, and buying well. By buying well, he means the sort of "quiet, quick, negotiated" deals which have characterized the UK MBO scene, with a parent company selling a non-core subsidiary. Despite greater competition, he says Candover found "plenty of those kind of deals" in 1987 and 1988 and sees plenty more here and in Europe. "We're not going in for contested bids," he says.

He sees increasing numbers of buy-ins and de-listings, but with limited application. De-listings, or privatizations of public companies, he believes, will be largely limited to companies in need of a white knight tactic.

Brooke says he would like to use his new fund to buy deals himself, subsequently putting in management and shareholders at his own discretion. He would never dream, however, of pitching a rival bid against a strong existing management team.

MANAGEMENT BUY-OUTS BY INDUSTRY

	No	Value %	Value £m	Avg size* %	Avg size* £m
Manufacturing:					
Engineering	36	25	1,678	19	47
High tech	12	8	183	2	15
Wood	5	3	134	2	27
Paper	5	3	1,019	12	97
Chemicals	5	3	379	4	76
Textiles	5	3	200	2	40
Sub-total	68	45	3,593	42	44
Retail/Distribution	28	19	2,346	27	60
Construction/Property	8	5	189	2	24
Insurance	9	6	189	2	21
MELT	11	8	1,096	13	100
Banking and Finance	5	3	367	4	73
Transport	7	5	375	4	54
Food and Agriculture	8	5	357	4	45
Business Services	6	4	143	2	24
Total	†150	100	8,855	100	49

*Average size is computed after excluding MFI/Hygena (£718m) and Reedpack (£531m). †Survey based on 150 MBOs/MBIs to November 1988. Source: Peat Marwick McLintock.

CHEMICAL BANK

The debt arranger

The arrival of the US giant, Chemical Bank, on the UK MBO scene in late 1987 was tantamount to a coming of age for the British buy-out market. Until then, Chemical Bank had devoted its attentions to the big UK corporate market, providing finance for the likes of Hanson Trust in its £1 billion Imperial bid.

The UK buy-out scene was too small to warrant attention. The record-breaking £717.5 million buy-out of MFI/Hygena in October 1987 changed all that. Chemical Bank bid to syndicate the £485 million of senior debt involved and won the deal against no shortage of competition. Suddenly, it was a major MBO player.

Since that dramatic entry, Chemical Bank had led the syndication on a further two of the major deals in the last few years, arranging a record £595 million loan facility on the Reedpack deal and £140 million on Argus Press. In 1987 and the first half of 1988, it was the top arranger of senior debt on the big UK buy-outs, arranging loans worth £1.2 billion. Its closest competitor, Standard Chartered, syndicated £527 million, while Bankers Trust, now backing the Magnet buy-out, came third with debt finance of £264 million.

On Wall Street, says Brian Scammell, a Chemical vice-president in the UK, buy-out deals are debt driven, with major commercial banks taking the lead. In the UK, by contrast, the equity funders do the deals. He sees this as an advantage. "Our strength is not in not competing with the deal-makers. That means we are in a position to work with any of them on any buy-out."

Chemical Bank's most obvious strengths are its large underwriting capacity and the powerful bank syndicates it can pull together. The bank's real superiority, though, says Scammell, is the comprehensive financial engineering it can provide. He points to Argus and Reedpack as examples.

The greatest danger to the UK buy-out market, he says, is not the threat of more American-style hostile bids – although he thinks these will multiply. It is that with more and more financial institutions competing to fund buy-outs, attention to financial structuring – quality of management, market leadership and a strong cash flow – will suffer.

CHARTERHOUSE

The fast spender

The current air of excitement about what might still be possible in the UK buy-out world is nowhere more keenly felt than in the presence of Robert Smith, the enthusiastic Glaswegian who heads Charterhouse Capital Development (CCD).

Smith, a former director of 3i, arrived at Charterhouse after its acquisition in 1985 by The Royal Bank of Scotland, where he headed corporate finance. CCD arranged MFI's record-breaking £717.5 million buy-out, and Smith now sits on the MFI board.

He is brimming with ideas for buy-outs and buy-ins, such as the Jimmy Gulliver acquisition of Harris Queensway last year, another deal from the Charterhouse stable. He evidently relishes turning over the possibilities in the field – will George Davies, lately of Next, for instance, soon be snapped up to lead a Gulliver-style buy-in? Will the recently announced intention of publicly-quoted building firm Magnet to stage a buy-out succeed?

The long line of successful Charterhouse deals – including the "Paternoster" buy-in at Woolworth, the £405 million buy-out of industrial group Bricom, and the £206.5 million buy-out of Argus Press – obviously breeds a passion for yet more innovation.

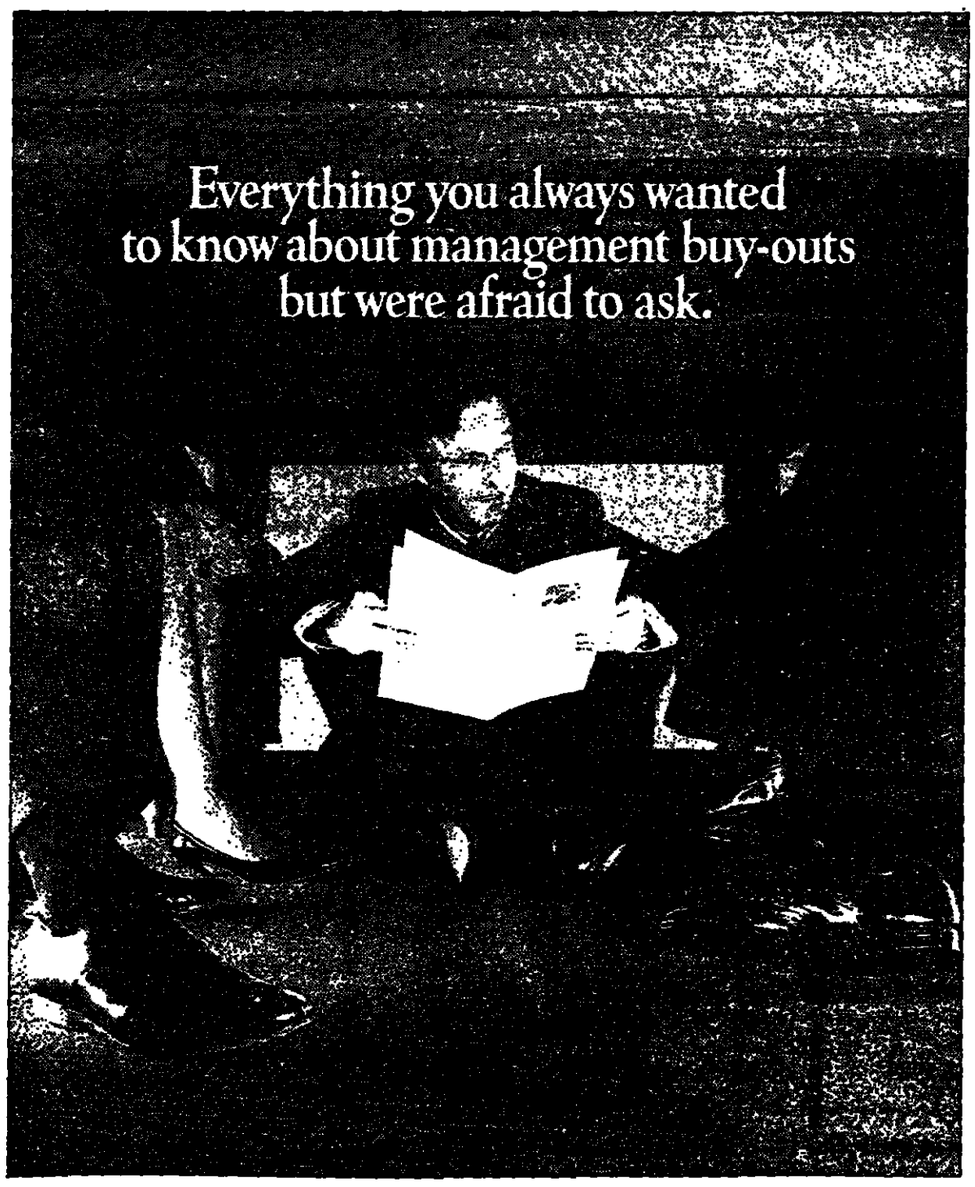
The only shadow over Smith's spirits seems to be the ritual task of raising money for the new £250 million CCD buy-out fund. "I never thought I'd have to go through the pain of that again so soon," he jokes.

The problem comes from having run down more quickly than expected the £100 million fund raised with US investment bank Dillon Read in 1987. In just under two years, the fund has spent £70 million leading deals such as MFI and backing other significant buy-outs like the £680 million Reedpack deal.

Since 1984 CCD has invested in 80 MBO deals, 20 of which have been realized, with an average internal rate of return (pre-tax interest and dividend income plus realization proceeds) of 119 per cent.

That makes CCD a leading player in most of the deals over £100 million in the UK. Smith sees new work coming from the traditional MBO category of parent companies selling subsidiaries, with new openings in Europe, particularly France.

Like other leading players in the field, he does not think the UK MBO scene will develop into a hostile free-for-all like the US. "In the US, the financial engineers buy a company and then look for management later. We'll see buy-ins, but not that sort of predatory behaviour." Apart from anything else, he says, the institutions over here would not allow managers to be treated as pawns – unless, of course, they were hopelessly inefficient.



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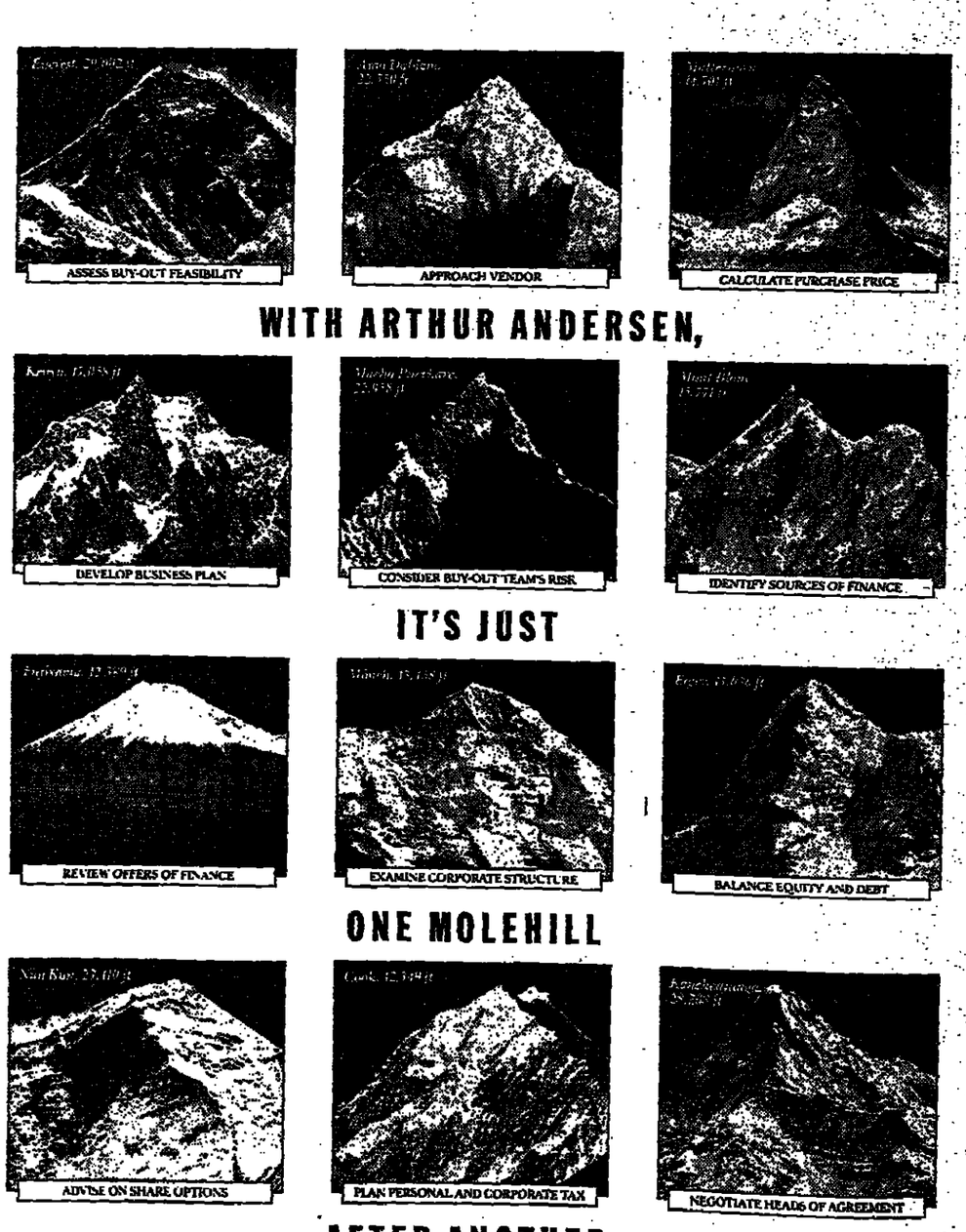
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'Mezzanine' finance looks the ideal answer for a management desperate for control and thin on assets. But, as Debra Isaac reports, it is costly — and it could also be more risky than anyone suspects

There is a paradox for you in the UK buy-out world. Available equity funds have never been higher — there are now a dozen specialist buy-out funds and two leading players, Candover and Charterhouse, are each raising new funds of £250 million this year.

At the same time, big banks, from Chemical Bank to National Westminster, have never been more willing to commit such large amounts of senior debt (witness Chemical Bank's £595 million syndicated facility for Reedpack last year.

On the face of it, it looks as though every enthusiastic management team from BPCC to the unheard-of widget company in the backwoods should be able to finance a buy-out without any trouble. Suddenly, however, there has been a rash of deals where the managements have been able to raise all the funds needed only by including in the financial structure of their buy-out a new form of rather costly debt/equity financing, which has been dubbed "mezzanine" finance.

As its name suggests, mezzanine is an intermediate form of finance, ranking between senior debt and equity in terms of risk. Unlike senior debt, it is not secured against assets, and so carries higher risks for potentially greater rewards, but it is less risky than pure equity.

The £265 million BPCC buy-out from Robert Maxwell in December was a case in point. On this deal, there was a sizeable £197 million of senior debt, a reflection of the high sums banks will commit. The MBO fund, Candover, was falling over itself to arrange the buy-out and inject the £28 million of equity. To fill the remaining hole in the funds required, however, the BPCC managers, led by John Holloran, had to raise £40 million of mezz finance through Standard Chartered, the commercial bank.



BPCC's John Holleran: £40m in mezz money

While BPCC paid 1 per cent over Libor for its senior debt, the mezz was funded at 3 per cent above Libor, while attached equity warrants gave an overall return of about 25 per cent (the equity element should yield an eventual 35 to 40 per cent). An expensive slice of additional finance then — but without it, the backers, including Candover and Standard Chartered, believe the deal could not have been done.

BPCC is not the only mezz buy-out. The £405 million buy-out of the industrial group Bricom last summer also included £30 million of mezz, underwritten by 3i. Ewan Macpherson, a 3i director, says his group has now arranged a total of £150 million mezzanine finance in 12 deals over three years. Venture Economics, the MBO consultancy and research group, says 10 significantly-sized deals involved mezzanine financing last year.

The explanation for the growth of mezzanine finance in a market awash with funds lies partly in the emergence of more ambitious managements willing to raise increasingly large sums — often in the face of intense competition — to finance buy-outs. The sums they need to borrow are often far higher than the loans that can be secured against assets.

The equity investors are unwilling to put up more because this would reduce the effects of gearing and depress their returns. The whole rationale of MBOs for these equity investors is that a deal should be financed with a small amount of equity and a large amount of debt. That way, future cash flow will, it is hoped, pay off the debt and interest, and when the MBO is refloated on the stockmarket.

With the performance of the stock market since Black Monday already squeezing the returns, they can hope for about 30 to 40 per cent (returns were as high as 100 per cent in the good old days), and the MBO fund managers are unwilling to see their returns squeezed yet further. Enter, then, the mezzanine funder to fill the gap.

The counterpart of these pressures from the corporate and equity side has been the willingness of institutions to provide mezzanine.

The riskiness involved could well have been thought to put off conservative British institutions — mezzanine is, after all, the nearest thing in the UK to US junk bond financing. But instead there has been a flood of mezzanine-style financing.

Standard Chartered set the ball rolling by establishing a £100 million mezzanine fund, while 3i has open-ended funds for investment. Perhaps ominously, there have been two major US entrants as well. Last year, GE Capital, the financial services arm of General Electric Company, entered the London scene, while Drexel Burnham Lambert, of junk bond fame, set up the £200 million First Britannia *Mezzanine Fund*.

The dangers of mezzanine funding have not gone unobserved. The availability of the funds means that managers can take on, and are encouraged by equity funders to take on, far higher levels of gearing — 80 per cent in the case of BPCC. Managements fighting for their autonomy against a hostile bid are only too willing to do it. The risks are obvious. With UK interest rates at their current heights, the pressure on managers to perform to service their debt is enormous, calling to mind official warnings from the US to American banks and remarks by the Governor of the Bank of England on the dangers of excessive leverage and its damaging effects on industry.

Another danger, as many see it, is that mezzanine may be paving the way for a US-style junk bond market in Britain. At the moment, "mezz" is not a tradeable security, as junk bonds are in the US, but many think it soon could be. The magazine *Euromoney* devoted its December cover story to showing how European institutions, which already have a penchant for US junk bonds, could be a ripe market for the European junk.

If junk bonds did appeal to European investors, a vicious circle could set in with the market for junk fuelling the need to create it, which in turn would mean encouraging more managements to look at highly leveraged deals.

Most operators in Britain pour cold water on the idea of a UK, or European, junk bond market. Nigel Doughty, who heads the Standard Chartered mezz fund, says the UK mezzanine market could grow from a £100 million to a £750 million market.

As his BPCC deal proved, institutions like Legal and General were willing enough to overcome their scruples and divert some of their fixed-interest portfolio into BPCC's mezzanine bonds. The UK institutions may not prove *all* that conservative, after all.

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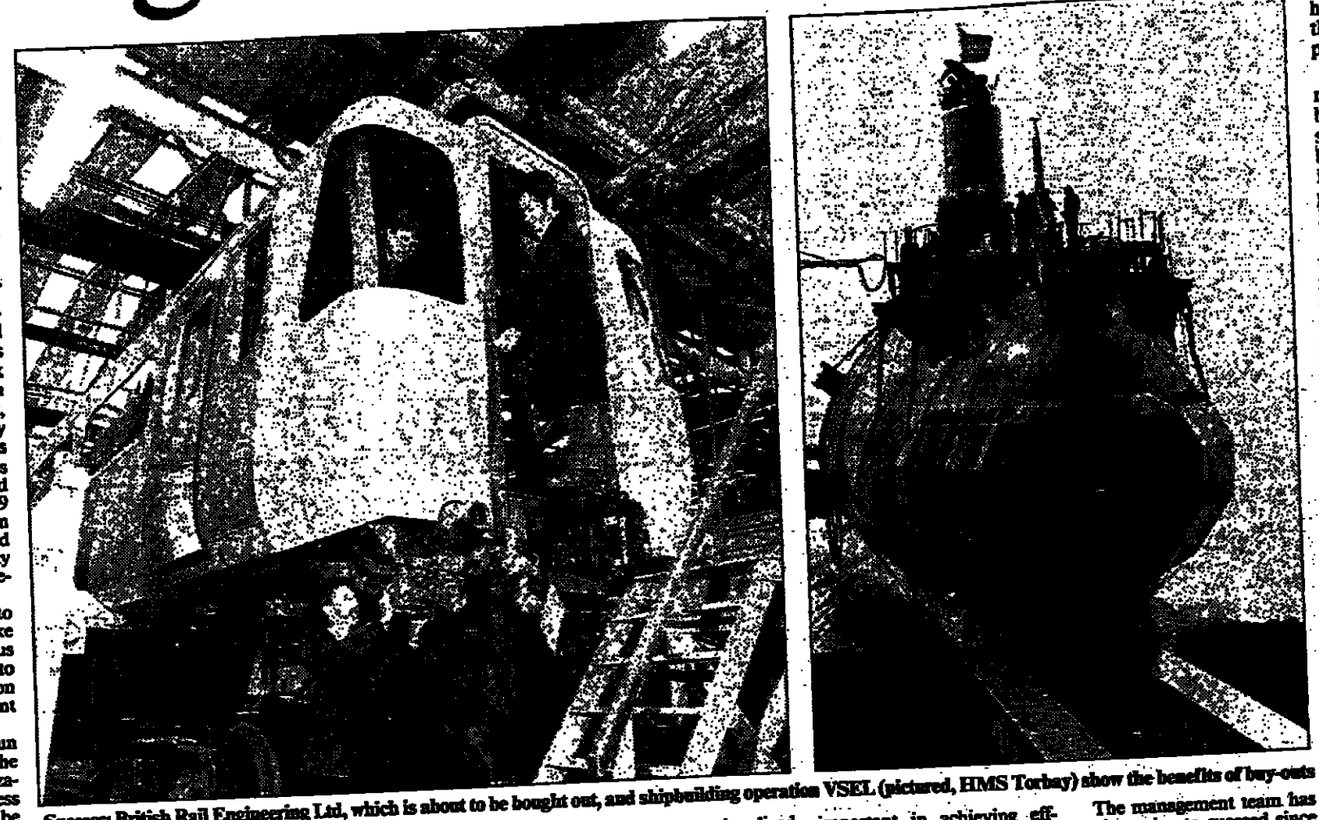
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Privatization has aided the growth of buy-outs and buy-ins in the public sector, as Rodney Hobson discovers



Success: British Rail Engineering Ltd, which is about to be bought out, and shipbuilding operation VSEL (pictured, HMS Torbay) show the benefits of buy-outs

Privatization of state enterprises has provided the main impetus for management buy-outs or buy-ins in the public sector. There had been 87 straight buy-outs by the end of last year, and agreement in principle has been reached for the management to take over British Rail Engineering Ltd (BREL). There have also been a number of buy-ins by outside teams, such as the eight engineering works of National Bus by Frontsource.

Subsequent buy-outs have occurred of firms which had been privatized. The Carlyle works was later bought out from Frontsource, and the Unit Superheater and Pipe Co, which had previously been sold by British Steel to another company, was also bought out.

In another case — the purchase of British International Helicopters from British Airways — management took a substantial equity stake, though a majority holding was taken by BPCC.

The various forms of transport have been the most popular sector for privatization buy-outs. The National Freight Corporation, which is being floated on the stock market today, was sold off in one piece in 1982. In contrast, the National Bus Company was split into regional entities for sale. Of the 72 subsidiaries owning 14,000 buses and employing 48,000 staff, 39 were sold to their own managements, 11 included management with a minority stake, and eight were management buy-ins.

The success of selling to managements helped to take proceeds of the National Bus Company privatization to £323 million, £17 million more than the Government expected.

British Rail has also spun off several subsidiaries in the run-up to its own privatization. Among the likely success stories is BREL, about to be bought out by management and other employees, who will together take a 20 per cent stake, and backed by Trafalgar House and Asea Brown Boveri, with 40 per cent each.

BREL, which builds trains and carriages, has been able to cash in on its existing relationship with its former parent. The price the consortium paid has not been disclosed, but was probably not more than £20 million; BREL made £2.1 million profit in the first half of the current financial year while still under BR ownership and expects orders worth about £1 billion a year over the next five years.

BR re-equipment programmes will call for up to 1,000 coaches a year. London Underground needs new fleets to replace old stock on the Central and Northern lines. BREL also hopes for orders for Channel Tunnel rolling stock for the shuttle and through trains. Contracts will be awarded this year.

Meanwhile, BR's Network SouthEast is carrying growing numbers of commuters and London Transport passenger levels are 70 per cent higher than five years ago. New lines are needed in London, and with them new rolling stock.

BR has also sold its catering subsidiary, Travellers' Fare, to management. The sale was by competitive tendering and the 10-strong management team, led by David Bailey, the managing director, raised £20.5 million to cover the purchase price and operating capital.

Bus sales turned 1986 and 1987 into the golden years of privatization buy-outs. There were 14 bus company buy-outs in 1986 and 33 in 1987, more than half the total so far. The figures fell off in 1988 with only nine sell-offs.

In the state-owned sector, the decision to divest a subsidiary or entire company as a management buy-out ultimately lies in the hands of the Government, though in practice individual nationalized industries may be responsible for deciding who buys a subsidiary. However, the position varies, and sometimes the approval of the relevant minister is required even for the sale of a subsidiary.

The Centre for Management Buy-out Research at Nottingham University comments: "The Government's view appears to be that buy-outs are appropriate in some but not all circumstances. Within the Government's broad objectives that privatization should increase efficiency, quality of service and obtain a fair return on the taxpayers' past investment, the buy-out route may be attractive where it provides better incentives to efficiency and where the local knowledge of incumbent management is important in achieving efficiency gains."

Buy-outs can appear attractive where they widen share ownership, another aim of the Government, but for larger privatizations a stock market flotation may suit this purpose better.

Selling peripheral activities to management has proved a fruitful ground for privatization buy-outs. These activities are often viable as individual entities but are not worth the cost or effort of keeping them under central control. They may also be starved of necessary investment because of government-imposed financial constraints on the parent. On the other hand, to close them may be expensive because of redundancy and other costs, and it can make financial sense to sell a loss-maker to management for a nominal figure.

The management team has an incentive to succeed since it can no longer rely on the parent to bail it out. Yet the parent may still provide a source of sales and existing working relationships can be maintained.

British Leyland/Austin Rover and British Steel have, in some cases, retained an equity stake in subsidiaries which they have sold to management and where there was a continuing trading relationship that required the spun-off entity to perform up to standard. BL/Austin Rover did so for Istel (25 per cent), Llanelli Radiator (25 per cent), Unipart (21.6 per cent) and JRA (20 per cent); British Steel for Sarclad (10 per cent), Coated Electrodes (48 per cent), Victaulic (30 per cent) and Allied Steel and Wire (20 per cent).

BR has chosen not to retain stakes in buy-outs, though it has often co-operated with them in the development of products.

There is no guarantee that a management consortium will be favoured in privatization sell-offs. Failed management bids include Sealink, Land-Rover, some British Transport hotels and some National Bus subsidiaries.

However, some managements have won without making the highest bid but by appearing to guarantee the continuance of the business and the welfare of the employees, as with VSEL, the shipbuilder. Alternatively, management may be offered a minority stake as with some of the bus sell-offs.

Whether privatization buy-outs have been underpriced is hard to assess. Sarclad, which was sold for a nominal sum and resold by the buy-out team four years later for £2.07 million, developed a key new product in the hands of its managers.

Hoverspeed, also "given away" but resold after only two years for £5 million, was making losses before privatization. It is possible to argue that the turnaround came only because the management had the incentive to make a success of the business.

There have been only four cases of failure by a privatization buy-out.

Public sector sales other than by state enterprises have been patchy. A few attempts have been made for local authority services or for activities of boards such as the Scottish Development Agency and the Commission for the New Towns.

However, the country's largest regional health authority, West Midlands, has agreed in principle to the first big management buy-out from the National Health Service: the management services division has an annual turnover of £8 million. This could be a trend-setter. Nevertheless, the future for buy-outs from the public sector may well lie away from state enterprises.

BUY-OUTS BY GEOGRAPHY

	No	Value %	Value £m	Avg size* %	Avg size* £m
South East					
Roseland	47	31	3,165	36	55
London	35	24	2,685	31	58
West Midlands	12	8	289	3	24
Yorks & Humb	16	11	483	6	30
South West	8	5	731	8	91
East Midlands	9	6	294	3	33
North West	8	5	308	4	39
North	3	2	192	2	64
Scotland	8	5	237	3	30
Wales	3	2	219	3	73
East Anglia	1	1	52	1	52
Total	1150	100	8,655	100	49

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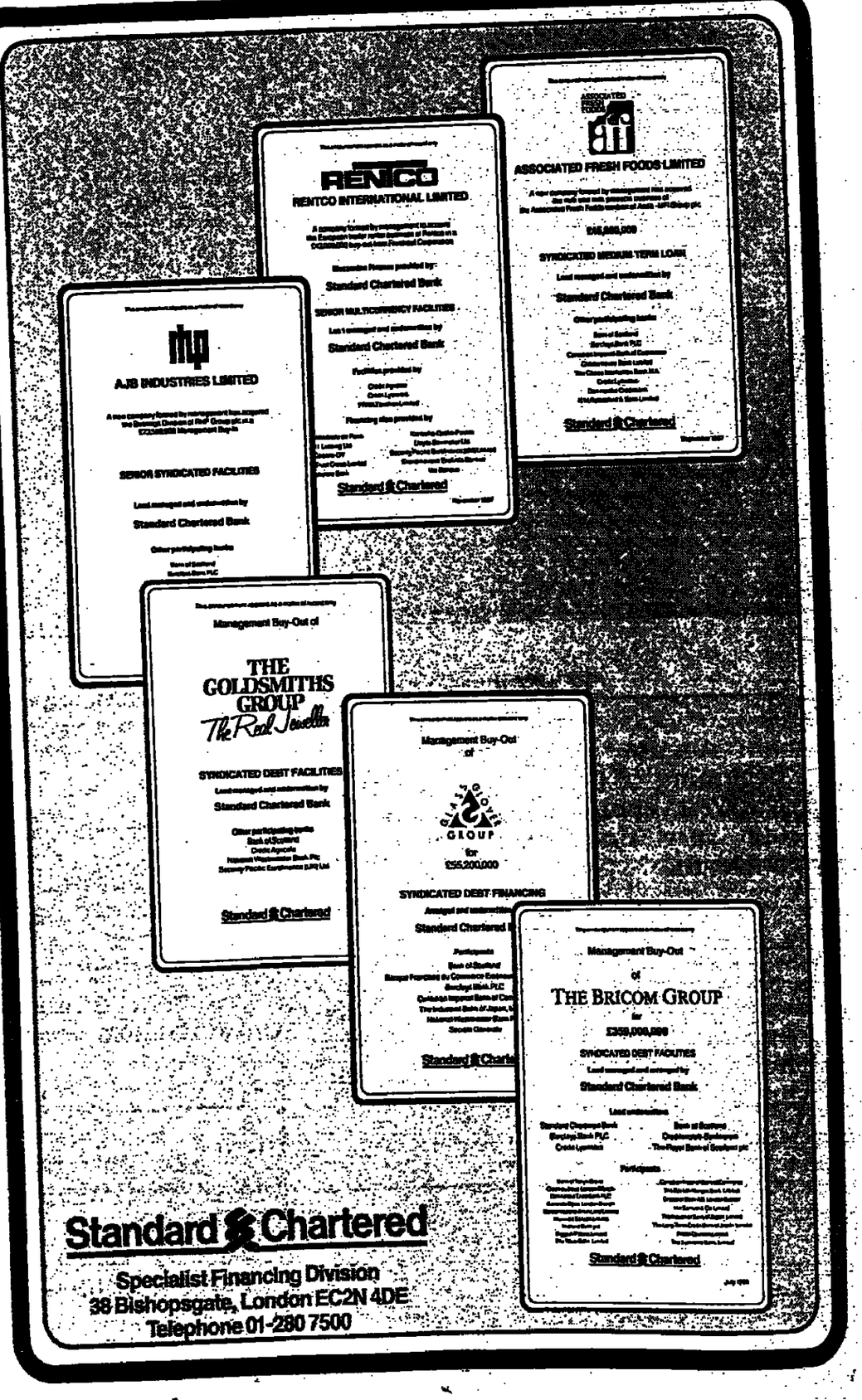
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Today's flotation of the NFC means that 400 workers who backed a management buy-out will become quarter millionaires on paper. Derek Harris investigates



Sharing profits: about 5 per cent of Aynsley China belongs to its employees after a management buy-out

Employee participation in management buy-outs (MBOs) has come a long way since the days of the politically inspired worker co-operatives, typified by the ill-fated Meriden motorcycle rescue attempt.

MBOs in the public sector have often involved employees from the outset. At the NFC (formerly the National Freight Consortium) a large proportion of the 1,700 employees bought shares when it was privatized in 1982. With its flotation today, more than 400 of the worker-owners will become quarter millionaires on paper.

There are many other less publicized examples in the public sector, from traditional industries such as VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness shipyard, to Istel, the information technology arm of the then state-owned British Leyland, bought out in mid-1987.

VSEL was privatized in 1986. The £60 million worker-led consortium buy-out involved most of its 11,000 employees and was backed by the Prudential life assurance company. Paul Brooks, managing director of Prudential Venture Managers, says: "Overall, the operation has gone very well."

The company is building nuclear submarines for the Government and has hopes of further orders from the Canadian Navy.

Brooks says: "We are keen to see some involvement from as many people as possible. It motivates people much more when they have a stake in a company."

He admits, however, that employee-involvement is not a cure-all. Although the VSEL workforce appears to be committed, a row about whether holidays should be fixed or flexible led to a damaging strike last year.

At Istel, the value of employees' stakes has risen consistently. By the end of last year a £1,000 investment was worth £8,900.

The trend towards employee share option schemes has been underlined in the Government's big privatizations, most recently British Steel.

But where state-owned subsidiaries are put up for sale, rather than being floated, as with operations the size of British Steel, British Gas and British Telecom or the coming privatization of the electricity industry, the trend is to build employee involvement in a new way. A trust takes a stake on behalf of the employees, eventually passing on the shares.

A key reason why employee participation has had a higher profile in public sector MBOs, is that these sales can be more open. When a quoted company is involved, anyone can bid for the shares in the market, so the tendency is to set up a MBO on the basis of a small group and bring in employees later, usually via a share option scheme. If employees are brought in earlier, the whole process can be slowed. Many moves are best made "behind the scenes", which is not easy when they have to be discussed with a whole workforce.

The new-style employee involvement vehicle, known as an ESOP (Employee Share Ownership Plan), is now making its impact on this situation.

In British Rail's sale (now going through) of BR Engineering (BREL) to a MBO there is involvement of employees through an ESOP, as well as muscular backing from Britain's Trafalgar House and the Swiss/Swedish engineering group ASEA-Brown Boveri (now known as ABB). The plan is for a fifth of the operation to be owned by the MBO, of which a third will belong to the ESOP.

ESOPs are similar in many ways to the employee stock ownership plans, which flourish in the United States. About 10,000 schemes, involving more that 10 million employees, are currently in operation. Avis, the world's second largest car rental company, has 12,500 workers involved in its employee stock ownership. The biggest US-style ESOP is Health Trust, a hospital management group with 23,000 employees, based at Nashville, Tennessee.

The idea of employees owning shares in the company they work for goes back much further, to the beginnings of the co-operative movement that produced the Co-op of today and more recent profit-sharing variations such as the John Lewis Partnership, the food and department store retailer.

The first ESOP launched in the United Kingdom involved Roadchef, the motorway caterers, in February 1987. The scheme was set up four years after a MBO. There are 14 ESOPs in Britain, varying from entirely employee buy-outs, through combined management and employee buy-outs, to partial stakes in a company.

The examples of 100 per cent employee buy-outs include the Portsmouth-based People's Provincial Buses. One of the most recent ESOP involvements was at Yorkshire Rider, one of Britain's biggest bus companies, where, in a £23 million deal, management took 51 per cent of the equity, while the rest was funded through an ESOP representing the 3,500 employees.

The record-breaking MFI management buy-out from Asda, the food-to-furniture retailers, introduced an ESOP several months after the deal had gone through. As a result, about 5 per cent of the operation belongs to the employees. This is not an uncommon level of employee participation in private companies: the same level existed at Aynsley China after the buy-out following Waterford Crystal's takeover of the Wedgwood group.

There are tax efficiencies in ESOPs using the trust formula. The shares held by a trust can, when ultimately passed on to employees, be sold back to the trust or, in the case of a quoted company, on the market.

An ESOP Centre has been established to encourage these deals. Its director, Malcolm Hurlston, has been pressing the Government for legislative changes to make ESOPs easier and cheaper to achieve. The centre has the backing of the Industrial Society and the Institute of Directors, but seems to be pushing at an already half-open door.

Norman Lamont, financial secretary to the Treasury, has spoken of his sympathy for the ESOP option, and the Government's White Paper on employment for the 1990s highlighted ESOPs as a means of involving employees in the economic success of their business. Funds of £100 million or more will be made available for ESOPs during the privatization of bus, electricity and water companies, Hurlston says.

Bank members of the ESOP Centre are Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Chemical Bank, Continental Bank NA, Kleinwort Benson, Manufacturers Hanover, Security Pacific and Unity Trust, the trades union bank.

"With encouragement there could be hundreds more ESOPs set up this year," says Hurlston.

John Nash, chairman of the British Venture Capital Association, says: "The whole MBO scene is becoming more sophisticated. There are more tiers of debt – what the Americans call cocktails. Employee involvement is part of it, with its obvious advantages, and could become more popular."

Venture buy-outs go international

Welcome to the VBO – or how a strategy for success can be sought out to transfer between sectors

After the management buy-out (MBO), the employee-led buy-out and the management buy-in (MBI), there has emerged yet another variation in this rapidly maturing and increasingly sophisticated sector. It is the venture buy-out (VBO).

An explanation comes from John Nash, chairman of the British Venture Capital Association. He is managing director of Advent, which is part of an international network of 15 associated venture capital companies with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

Nash says: "A venture buy-out is a combination of a leveraged buy-out and venture-type thinking. Rather than just doing one deal, a venture strategy is followed which leads to the creation of a much bigger operation."

An example of this is the analysis of a strategy that works in one sector which can be transferred to another. With fresh fruit and vegetables, for instance, produce at one time came from the producer to wholesale markets where mostly individual merchants would pick up their supplies for the shops.

But when the big supermarket chains seized substantial market shares they needed large sourcing groups which could do all the organizing and supply their needs the year round, from all parts of the world. So international operators sprang up.

Advent and Nash became involved with a company called Home Improvement Industries where a similar line of thought was applied but in the context of the DIY sector.

Nash says: "The DIY superstores – what are known in the trade as the out-of-town sheds – were faced with manufacturing companies which were old-fashioned and manufacturing driven. They churned out their products and sold them on to wholesalers."

He adds: "A team with the right expertise was assembled and there was a whole series of company acquisitions – 12 of them in a year – to get the company to the point where it could be a volume supplier to the big DIY chains."

Home Improvement Industries is now the fourth largest hand-tool maker in Britain, supplying hardware outlets as well as the DIY superstores. It is the second largest maker of screwdrivers in the UK and a big supplier of hacksaw blades. What started out as a manufacturer of screwdrivers with a £3 million annual turnover now has sales of about £25 million a year, with products including chisels and wallpaper paste.

Nash discerns another trend in the maturing MBO sector. He says: "We have got to the stage where the MBO movement is creating quite a few rich entrepreneurs who, given their knowledge of how it all works, are beginning to invest in formative businesses. There is a touch of philanthropy there but the point is it can get a business off the ground which might not otherwise make it."

He believes the expertise within the UK buy-out and buy-in movement could find a European dimension because in most of Europe there is a relative lack of sophistication in these routes to corporate development.

Nash says: "I see more deals starting in Europe. Some of our companies with European experience are going there now and making acquisitions on a fairly leveraged basis. But we are only at the beginning."

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The takeover game in America has moved into a new league following the $25-billion bid for Nabisco by a leverage buy-out specialist, Margareta Pagano writes

Henry Kravis has an easy answer to why Nabisco-style mega leveraged buy-outs (LBO) are unlikely to take-off in corporate Britain. "Some institutions in Britain simply say, 'Why should we back these managers to get rich?'."

Dubbed the emperor of America's controversial leveraged buy-outs, Kravis may be right about a natural reluctance by Britain's fund managers to create more multi-millionaires. However, he may have overlooked the growing appetite of managers to get rich, egged on by the army of LBO specialists, who get nearly as rich dreaming up the financial engineering.

Kravis and his partner George Roberts are responsible for Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts, the firm credited – or blamed – with inventing the leveraged buy-out. For Kravis, buy-outs increase efficiency, by forcing companies to cut costs and by the personal incentive given to managers. KKR, he says, never buys into troubled companies or turn-around situations, but goes for well-managed businesses which can gain value with a new capital structure.

Last year KKR perfected its craft, beating all records with the controversial $25-billion Nabisco buy-out deal, but was criticized by many for robbing shareholders.

The buy-out caused an outcry in corporate America, stoking the on-going debate over the long-term implications which the growing mountain of junk bond debt will have on the US economy.

There is broad consensus in the financial community – including the reformed corporate raider T. Boone Pickens – that new takeover legislation should be drafted, but there is widespread anxiety about how best to proceed.

President Bush added muscle to the Congressional debate two weeks ago when he admitted he had a "gnawing feeling" that the wave of leveraged takeovers, estimated to account for about a quarter of US corporates, is not in the best interests of the US economy. But he conceded that he is uncertain how to cure the problem without creating aworse upheaval.

This concern has been echoed by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, who stated recently that the Fed's main concern was the creation of massive debt which, in turn, could result in massive failures with, potentially widespread ramifications for the international banking community.

At the same time he acknowledged that the wave of debt-financed takeovers had passed its peak, leading him to rule out a broad legislative response. Even KKR concedes that the peak may be over, because the potential returns from buy-outs are declining as more money chases a dwindling number of deals. Indeed, Nicholas Brady, US Treasury Secretary, last month urged caution in devising curbs on LBOs. One of the factors behind the explosion of LBOs in the US is the tax code's bias against equity capitalization in favour of debt. Brady warned against correcting this bias by limiting the tax deductibility of corporate interest payments. This would simply increase the cost of capital for US corporates, unlikely in an era of big budget deficits.

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Pulling the levers: George Roberts and Henry Kravis, heads of KKR

One of the main criticisms in the Nabisco deal was the way KKR offered Nabisco shareholders a large part of the payment for their company in non-cash securities. KKR paid $106 a share, but only $81 of this was paid in cash. The remainder is to be paid in preferred stock and debentures, bearing no cash interest for five years. Many believe that using deferred-interest bonds to raise funds for an LBO is extremely risky.

Deals such as Nabisco are unlikely to become the norm, but what the deal has done is open up the debate for markets in Europe where the concept of big, hostile break-ups is becoming a reality. The UK is still about five years behind the US in terms of LBO techniques, and the availability of mezzanine financing – used to bridge the gap between the price of the deal and the value of the underlying business.

GE Capital, part of the giant General Electric group, and Drexel Burnham Lambert, the Wall Street investment house which devised the junk bond, have both set up mezzanine funds in London recently.

London bankers are sure that the trend towards more complex debt instruments looks set to increase as the number and size of management buy-out deals take off. At the same timehigh interest rates, more restrictive takeover methods and better accounting rules should ensure that Britain does not enjoy the phenomenal gearing levels seen in the US.

Buy-out specialists disagree on the extent of American influence over the British market. American bankers, such as Citicorp and Bankers Trust, have been a significant influence, but British merchant banks, such as Charterhouse and County NatWest, have also played a leading role.

Last year's buy-out of MFI for £715 million, of which £515 million was debt, caused a few ripples in the City because of the high gearing level. The proposed Magnet management buy-out, advised by Bankers Trust, is also likely to result in significant layers of debt. However, most of the 300 management buy-outs seen in Britain last year were conservatively geared.

The Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, recently warned that managements taking on significant portions of debt would be frowned upon. He may also have woken up a few of the UK's sleepier public managements when he added that no company, however large, should consider itself immune from takeover, even if the best means is through a leveraged buy-out.

Ins and outs of buy-ins

What happens when an outside management group wants to buy in to a company? Rodney Hobson finds out

Buy-ins have probably existed for as long as people have bought and sold companies, but the term management buy-in has come into vogue only in the past two or three years.

Broadly speaking, the term refers to the purchase of a controlling stake in an existing business by a manager or group of managers who have not worked for the company before, and may not even have worked together before.

There is a grey area between buy-outs and buy-ins because often inside and outside managers take equity stakes and executive positions in the company taken over. Also, buy-outs are often initiated by a manager who has only recently joined the company and sees the deal effectively as an outsider.

Despite the lack of readily accessible information on buy-ins, it is clear that they are multiplying. Data acquired by the Centre for Management Buy-out Research at Nottingham University shows that there were 28 buy-ins in 1985, 47 in 1986, 79 in 1987 and 84 last year.

Their value is certainly increasing, although figures from year to year can be distorted by one or two big deals. Provisional figures for 1988 show that buy-ins cost a total of £1,207 million, more than four times the totals for each of the previous two years and more than the value of all previous recorded buy-ins. The average deal was worth £14.4 million, compared with £3.3 million in 1987 and £6.3 million in 1986.

Managers who buy in face risks and problems that are likely to be significantly greater than for a buy-out, although the rewards for success can be substantial.

County Natwest Ventures explains: "As the incoming management team does not have direct experience of the target company, its task of evaluating the business will be difficult and it will come up against many obstacles before the purchase is completed."

The buy-in team has to convince its venture capital backers that the team members have the ability and determination to achieve their aim.

As with buy-outs, venture capitalists expect the buy-in managers to make a financial commitment and to recognize that the backers will want to sell out in time.

One noticeable trend over the past year has been the growth of buy-ins at private companies rather than those listed on the Stock Exchange. In 1986 and 1987, during the bull market, buy-ins at private and public companies were equal. In 1988, post-crash, the figure for private companies was four times that for public concerns.

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Nor has the stock market crash stopped large buy-ins. Since October 1987, buy-in management has taken over at Cooper Bearings, AIB Industries, Cope Allman and Lewis's Department Store.

Buy-ins are still heavily outnumbered by buy-outs, although the proportion of buy-ins is increasing. In 1984 there were 50 buy-outs for every buy-in. Last year the proportion was only three-to one. As with buy-outs, most buy-ins take place in the South-East, although the East Midlands actually has more buy-ins than buy-outs. According to the Nottingham University research, the main industrial sectors for buy-ins are mechanical engineering, retail and wholesale distribution, business and other services.

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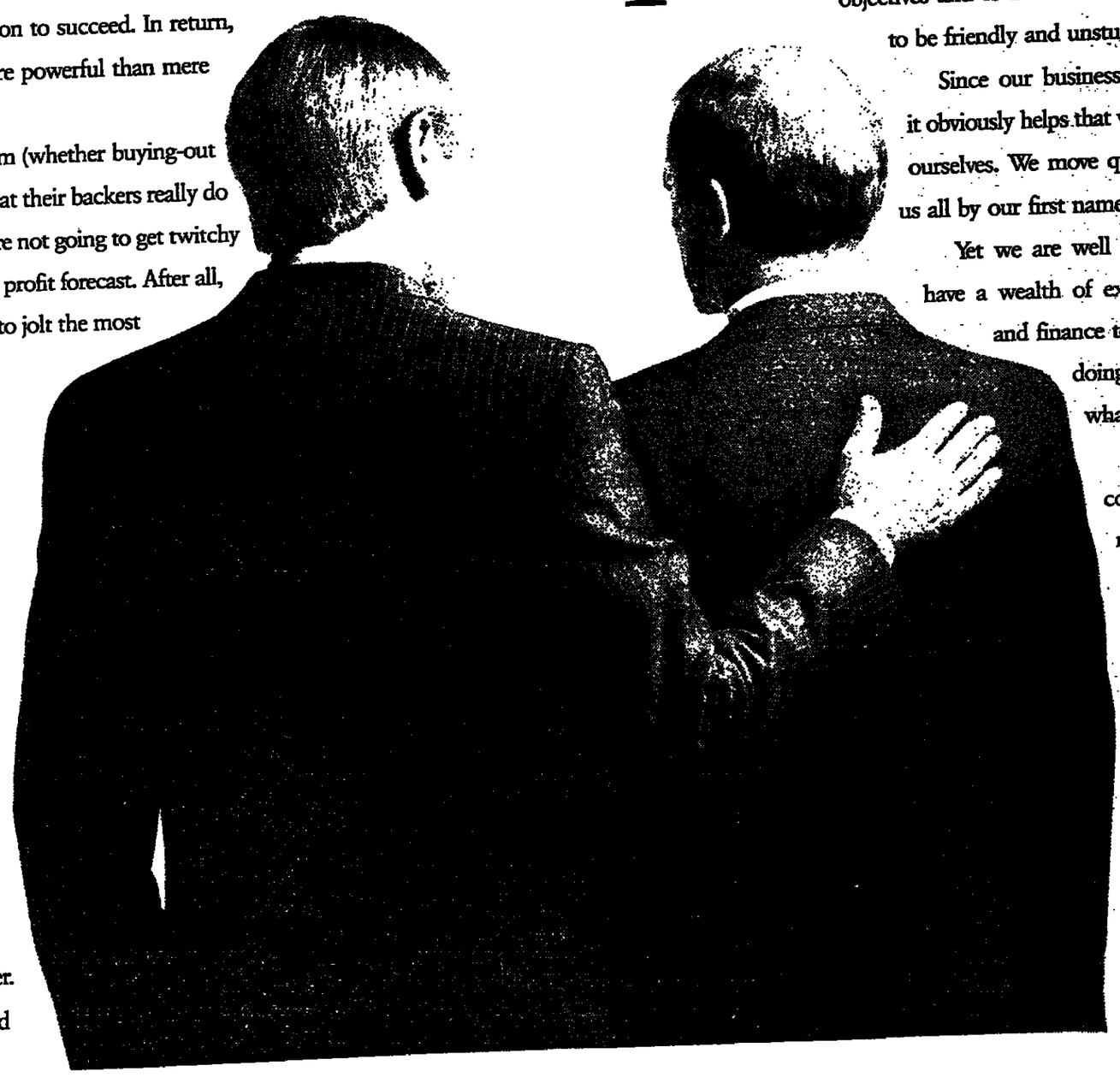
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From buy-out to stock market

When flotation follows a management buy-out venture, most companies seem to outperform the market. Rodney Hobson finds out what the ingredients are for success

When Andrew Jackson, an analyst at Olliff and Partners, stockbrokers, drew up a sample table of management buy-outs that had subsequently been floated on the stock market or unlisted securities market, he found that all had outperformed the market in general.

Some were way ahead. Evans Halshaw, First Leisure and VSEL had all beaten the FT-A All Share index by more than 100 per cent; Tibbet and Brittan by almost 100 per cent. The Hornby Group, 86 per cent ahead when he compiled the figures at the end of October, had moved steadily ahead of the market virtually every week since its flotation in December 1986.

"Why should these companies out-perform the market?" he asked himself. "Certainly not just because of a large first-day premium, because in our sample it averaged 7.3 per cent.

"These companies perform well after flotation for the same reasons why they made successful management buy-outs: they tend to have good market positions, relatively low business risk, good cash flow and a highly motivated senior management team.

"Of course, the gains are not so large as those obtained by the equity investors in the original buy-out, but then they took the greater risk and must be rewarded."

A successful flotation is important. One of the first questions that venture capitalists ask when they consider backing a management buyout is: "How can we get our money out?"

Venture capitalism has as its *raison d'être* a short life and a quick return ready to back the next hopeful high-flyer. So though most buy-outs are still in the early stages of the three to seven years cycle that venture capitalists look at, and though the stock market crash took away the buoyant market conditions that are conducive to a float, more management buy-outs will be coming to market.

Admittedly the owners of the fledgling companies do have other ways of realizing their assets. One of the most popular is to be taken over by, or merge with, another company in the same trade. Other possibilities are to allow a new management to buy in, or the existing management could recapitalize by finding new backers — in effect, staging a new buy-out by the same management.

Management and backers will discuss what is the preferred way for investors to make their exit before the buy-out goes ahead, and they will try to align their interests.

Buy-outs have now established themselves as a significant element of the new issues market, accounting for about one in six of all new flotations in Britain. The Centre for Management Buy-out Research at Nottingham University, in its 1988 report, admitted: "The October 1987 crash caused considerable uncertainty, bringing some delays to float plans, the abandonment of others and difficult trading for those that had been floated in the early autumn."

This caused a slight dip to 34 in the number of buy-outs that came to market in 1987 from 36 in the more buoyant conditions of 1986. The number held at 34 last year.

After the crash, some trends were reversed. For instance, the average time taken from buy-out to flotation decreased from four years and one month for companies floating in 1986 to three years and seven months in 1987. The lag increased to four years and eight months in the first half of 1988. Average price-earnings ratios fell by a quarter from 15.58 to 11.88, while dividend yields were more than a third higher at 4.2 per cent from 3.12 per cent.

The October 1987 crash caused much uncertainty, but the trend is changing as share indices return to pre-crash levels

Analysts say that the trend is changing again as the share indices return to the pre-crash levels.

Changes in the nature of the buy-out market in the mid-1980s have had their effect, the monitoring team of Brian Chiplin, Mike Wright and Ken Robbie has noticed. "The large rise in the average value of buy-outs has meant that there are more companies that are immediately of a size where a full, rather than USM, quotation can be contemplated," they reported.

The increase in the average size of buy-outs coming to the stock market has also been partially responsible for the decline in the proportion of shares being offered for sale. In addition, since October 1987 the stock market has not been prepared to value new issues at high PE ratios and consequently both management and institutions have been unable to realize as large a proportion of their holdings at the time of float.

The method of obtaining a listing has also changed with the different environment. Whereas in 1986 most buy-outs joining the stock market did so through an offer for sale, in the first six months of 1988 only two used this route and the majority were placed. One introduction, TIP Europe, which floated in 1988, was the first case of a buy-out having a simultaneous float in Britain and overseas (Amsterdam). USM flotations have continued to be almost entirely placings with only one introduction being recorded in the first six months of 1988.

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Analysts: Mike Wright (left) and Brian Chiplin of Nottingham. Inset: Diana Noble of Shroder Ventures

Managers who escaped the control of a large parent company and have devoted months or years to building up their own ventures still want to cash in at flotation time. Diana Noble of Schroder Ventures, who specializes in larger buy-outs, explains: "To realize a bit and keep a bit is the norm. They work for two to five years to get into the market and want to see the realization of some assets."

However, she points out that it is essential for some of the original investors to stay in for a listing to demonstrate that they still have faith in the company. Buy-outs stand a better chance of surviving, thriving and reaching flotation than a venture starting from scratch.

Roger Brooke, of buy-out specialists Candover, comments: "Managers like the challenge of running their own company. The next challenge is to establish themselves as a listed company."

Open for business on the Continent

Europe is quickly realizing the benefits of buy-outs, with France leading the way, Margareta Pagano writes

France is the fastest-growing European country — other than Britain — for management buy-outs or "rachats d'enterprises par les salaries" (RES), as the French call them.

Over 200 RES were accomplished in France last year, probably more than the rest of continental Europe together. France has become a fertile market for management buy-outs, mainly because of the huge steps the Government has taken to modernize and deregulate the financial markets and the economy. Another factor which is helping create the right environment is the problem of succession faced by French businesses.

A survey last year by the INSEE, the French national statistics institute, estimated that about 10,000 small- and medium-sized companies will have to change ownership within the next year or so. About 10 per cent of all French bankruptcies are said to stem from the succession problem which arises when the chairman of a small family-type company dies or reaches retirement age.

The French authorities, and the growing management buy-out specialist wings of French banks, have been quick to spot the potential offered by these businesses. Another area being exploited, rather like in Britain, is the sale of many peripheral activities by France's big business enterprises as they strive to restructure ahead of 1992.

Last year saw France's biggest buy-outs to date. These included the FFr7 billion (£639 million) buy-out of the electrical retailing group, Darty, and the buy-out of Pier Import, the retailing group. In an unusual move Jean Mantelet, founder of the Moulinex kitchen appliance group, disclosed plans for a delayed management buy-out which would give control of the company to staff and employees after his death.

The French Government has been so keen on this new form of capital structure that it sponsored a new buy-out fund, known as LBO. Credit Agricole and Paribas have been the banks responsible for many of the deals, but much of the leveraged financing has come out of London. Baring Capital Investors, 3i, Schroder Ventures and Citicorp Ventures have all been quick to export techniques and funds to France. First Britannia, the mezzanine debt fund led by Drexel Burnham Lambert and 25 supporting institutions, is also using its London office as *the springboard for expansion* into Europe.

James Read, joint managing director of First Britannia, believes that Europe will become a big market over the next five years, with France continuing to lead the way.

So far the concept of leveraged buy-outs has been culturally alien to the German business community which is basically still relationship-banking led. Managements in German business are also comparatively more powerful than in the UK, with its banking shareholders taking a more passive role.

However, a number of specialist boutiques are beginning to find business opportunities within Germany's 20,000-odd small- to medium-sized family concerns, with combined sales of over DM5 million (£1.5 million). To date Germany has seen about 50 management buy-outs.

Frankfurt is the home of the buy-out specialist. J. Henry Schroder, the UK merchant bank, set up the first big management buy-out fund three years ago with DM140 million (£42 million). Most of the big US banks are using their Frankfurt offices to nurture specialist wings. 3i has its own office, as does LCB-Candover, a joint venture between Candover Investments and London and Continental Bankers.

Tax changes in Germany are expected to lead indirectly to a renewed interest in buy-outs from small businesses. Private individuals selling their companies will no longer be eligible to the 50 per cent tax break on top of marginal rates on profits from the sale.

If the UK is reckoned to be five years behind the American leveraged buy-out experience, then Europe probably has a decade of education and techniques to catch up on. This, however, is likely to be leap-frogged by the growing expertise and competition coming out of London as specialists fight for the fledgling German, Italian and Spanish markets.

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Appointments will be from 1st September 1989, or earlier by agreement.
Application forms and further details are available from the Sub-Dean, Council of Legal Education, 4 Gray's Inn Place, London WC1R 5DX (Tel: 01-404 5787) on request.

Closing date Tuesday 28th February 1989.

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Applications are invited for the above post. Suitable experience in examinations administration and/or a good honours degree would be desirable.

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Applications with C.V. together with names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees must be received by Friday 10th March 1989.

HISTORY

The Leys School, Cambridge

Required for September 1989, a well qualified HISTORIAN to teach 'A' level History in an expanding department. An interest in mediaeval or early modern periods would be an advantage, as would the ability to teach Latin or French to GCSE in the Lower School. Candidates should be committed to boarding school education and willing to undertake extra-curricular and residential duties. Accommodation could be available for the latter.

Applications with a full CV and the names of at least two referees should be sent to the Headmaster, The Leys School, Cambridge, CB2 2AD, (0223-355327), from whom further details are available.

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Further information from The Home Bursar, Jesus College, Oxford, OX1 3DW.

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The Leys School, Cambridge

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Applications with a full CV and the names of at least two referees should be sent to the Headmaster, The Leys School, Cambridge, CB2 2AD, (0223-355327), from whom further details are available.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University College of Swansea

Lecturers

Applications are invited for the following vacancies:

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Lecturer in Mathematics

Applicants should have research interests in modern mathematical physics or a related area. Candidates with good backgrounds and interests in other areas will be considered.

Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry

Preference will be given to candidates with research interests in modern synthetic inorganic chemistry.

Lecturer in Topographic Science

Applicants should have teaching interests in one or more of the following areas: photogrammetry and remote sensing, geographic information systems or digital mapping.

Lecturer in Human Geography

Applicants should have a wide range of research interests in this area.

Lecturer in Medical Physics

Applicants should have experience of research in Medical Physics related to *in-vivo* analysis as the person appointed will be expected to take an active role in the research of the Swansea *in-vivo* analysis research group (SIVARG).

The appointments will date from October 1, 1989 and will be made in the middle range of the Lecturer Grade A scale – £9260 – £14500 per annum together with USS/USDPS benefits, if required.

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by Tuesday, February 28, 1989.

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London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park
London NW1 4SA Telephone 01-262 5050

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Retailing (89/13MS)
Sports Science (Biomechanics) (89/14PS)
Sports Science (Exercise Physiology) (89/15PS)
Primary Education (89/16ED)
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Although no formal age limit applies, under the conditions of the initiative it is likely that preference will be given to candidates at an early stage in their careers.

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Applicants should have a good first degree in a subject related to criminal justice (including, but not exclusively, law). The Centre provides facilities for research and higher degrees (M.A., LL.M., Ph.D.) on a full-time basis over periods from one to three years. Applicants are invited to consider areas of research which the Centre wishes to undertake, but any proposals in the criminal justice field will be considered.

For further information and an application form, contact the Secretary for Admissions, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT (Tel: 0532 335020).

The closing date for studentships is 31st March 1989, but self-funding students may apply at any time.

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Further information can be obtained by writing to Professor B.Kapferer, Department of Anthropology, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT, or by telephoning 01-387 7050 ext. 2454.
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EDUCATION

A lesson in grief

Children can be helped at school to come to terms with the pain of bereavement, Douglas Broom reports

A series of fatal accidents on school trips in recent years has focused attention on the need for teachers to prepare pupils to face death and bereavement. The catalogue of tragedy includes the death of four children from Stoke Poges primary school in Buckinghamshire, swept into the sea and drowned after wandering off during an outing to Land's End in 1985.

Last Easter, four teenage boys from the nearby Altwood School at Maidenhead fell to their deaths on a school trip to the Austrian Alps. An inquiry found they died after playing unsupervised on a mountainside.

And in November, 300 teenagers and their teachers had a near-miraculous escape when the cruise ship Jupiter sank off Athens after a collision.

Only last week, Berkshire County Council set about implementing the recommendations of an inquiry into the death of the four boys from Altwood school.

While their efforts may help to prevent a repetition of the alpine tragedy, death is certain to make a less publicized incursion into the lives of thousands of young people in the coming year.

Despite the growth in post-disaster counselling in recent years, children still receive little formal education about how to cope with bereavement or loss.

The result of this unwillingness on the part of educators to tackle an admittedly difficult subject has been to increase the suffering of many young people, according to Barbara Ward, a teacher who is pioneering a new, open approach to the issue.

She has co-written a new handbook for schools called *Good Grief*, which includes practical worksheets and lesson plans to help teachers to introduce teenagers to the idea of coping with loss. Later this year her second book — *Good Grief II* — written to help primary-age children with bereavement — will be published.

"It is very important to look at loss in the widest sense," she says. "For a young child the death of a much-loved pet can be a terrible blow. But it is also an important opportunity to learn about coping with bereavement. When we talk about loss we tend to think of the death of a relative. But for many young people divorce can be just as difficult to cope with."

Ward learnt about loss from an early age. Her father died when she was young and her husband was killed in an accident nine months after they were married.

From her work as an advisory teacher in the London Borough of Hillingdon, Ward says most teenagers come through an experience of bereavement with their emotions intact. But a minority find they simply cannot cope and the outcome is often a retreat into themselves or disruptive behaviour.

Schools can help by making an appropriate response if one of their pupils dies. "At one local junior school a little girl was killed crossing the road. They held a service at the school while the head and the girl's teacher went to the funeral. The children were encouraged to talk about their loss and they wrote a book of their recollections of the little girl, which was given to the parents.

"She loved play-time so the head gave the children an extra 10 minutes play in her memory. She was also good at reading and writing, so the children organized an annual literary prize which her parents were invited to present. Children, like adults, need to be helped to recognize that their feelings of loss are not unique and that life can go on once they have taken time to grieve."

● *Good Grief, by Barbara Ward and Jamie Houghton, is available from 19 Bawtree Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 1PT at £18.50 (inc £2 post and packing).*



Four British pupils killed in Alpine fall

FAREWELL TO LAND'S END TRAGEDY KIDS

In loving memory of a school friend: children need an opportunity to talk and to share feelings of grief and to recognize that life must go on

LETTERS

Legal hold-ups

From R. Rockling, London SW9.

The Law Society has much to answer for in the way it structures the final examinations of its courses. The success rate in the first year is high, at about 80 per cent. Finals, however, are a different matter and only about 50 per cent pass first time.

Seven papers are taken and if only two papers are failed in the first two annual attempts, then they may be taken again separately. If more than two are failed all seven papers must be attempted again. If any are failed at the third sitting then all must be taken again.

Early learning

From Eleanor Brown, Epsom.

I am in the sixth form of a comprehensive school and have studied history all my life. At O level I was taught in a dictatorial manner. The level of understanding expected of 12- to 16-year-olds is unrealistically high. It is only now that I have ventured to delve into the deeper meaning of history. My O level provides a superb basis for further study; I remember the order of events and the major economic developments.

Time to train

From A.J. Benbow, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

The schools' inspectors who visited New Jersey (*The Times*, January 17), will give support to the Secretary of State's view that on-the-job training for graduates will provide extra and better qualified teachers. I hope that Mr Baker does not overlook that in America the graduates worked with experienced staff who taught five out of eight periods every day.

Teachers here, who work six or seven periods, will not be able to make such a training scheme operative.

Strict teachers

From Nigel Martin, Stanmills College of Education, Queens University, Belfast.

Your editorial (January 21) refers to "lax academic discipline", which is said to exist in education colleges. I assure you that as a second-year student, embarking on my annual six-week school experience — with subject assignments still to do, and a full day of lectures to attend (unlike most general arts courses) — I perceive no laxity of an academic nature.

DIRECTIONS

● **A chance for colleges, universities and polytechnics to recruit school leavers — who will soon be in short supply — is presented by *The Times* from June 8 to 10 at the Olympia exhibition centre, west London.**

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

RHODES PROFESSORSHIP OF AMERICAN HISTORY (AND INSTITUTIONS)

The electors intend to proceed to an election to the Rhodes Professorship (which, subject to the approval of the Privy Council, is to be confined to American History), with effect from 1 October 1989 or such later date as may be arranged. The stipend of the professor is at present £28,905 per annum.

Applications should be received not later than 10 April 1989.

DIRECTORSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR EXTERNAL STUDIES

The appointing committee intends to proceed to an election to the Directorship of the Department for External Studies with effect from 1 October 1989, or such later date as may be arranged. The stipend of the directorship is at present £28,905 per annum.

Applications should be received not later than 20 March 1989.

For the above posts applications (eight copies, or one from overseas candidates), naming three referees, should be sent to the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

In association with Magdalen College

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UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

LECTURESHIP IN OLD TESTAMENT
LECTURESHIP IN THE HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF THE LATIN WEST
TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Applications are invited for these posts in the Department of Theology from 1 October 1989.

The lecturer in Old Testament will be expected to assist with the range of basic and advanced teaching in the field, but will assume primary responsibility for research and teaching in the Theology of the Old Testament.

The Lecturer in the History and Theology of the Latin West will be concerned with research and teaching in St. Augustine and the developments in the Western Christianity which led to later Medieval, Reformation and Modern thought.

The lecturer in Systematic Theology will share responsibility for research and teaching in Systematic Theology at basic and advanced levels, particularly in the critical study of major topics of doctrine within the context of modern thought. The appointment is for a period of two years only.

The salary for each of the three lectureships will be at an appropriate point on the Lecturer's scale Grade A (currently £9,260 - £14,500 per annum).

Further particulars for each post may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, University of Durham, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, to whom applications (three copies) including full curriculum vitae and the names and address of three referees. Should be sent not later than Friday 3 March 1989.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED BIOCHEMISTRY AND FOOD SCIENCE

LECTURER IN MICROBIOLOGY

Applications are invited for the above post which will be available from 1st September, 1989 or as soon as possible thereafter. The person appointed may be a microbiologist, molecular biologist or biochemist but will provide special and fundamental knowledge of molecular biology, which will be integrated into the research programme of the Department. The appointee will also be required to assist with the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching of microbiology, including a special honours option in Food Microbiology. The Department's Microbiology laboratories have recently been re-equipped and refurbished and now include an ACGM category III laboratory. Research within the current Microbiology group, which numbers twenty-eight has concentrated on the application of molecular biology to microorganisms of importance to the food industry.

Salary will be within the range £9,260-£19,310 per annum.

Informal contact can be made by telephoning Professor Will Watteson 6002 484848 ext 8146 (preferably between 6 and 9pm).

Further particulars and application forms, returnable not later than 10 March, 1989, may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD. Tel: 0602 484848 ext 3355. Ref No 1206.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
Institute of Engineering Surveying and Space Geodesy
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Salary up to £11,070 on RA scale 1A or 1B as appropriate.

Details from:

Prof P M Mather
INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING SURVEYING AND SPACE GEODESY
The University, Nottingham NG7 2RD
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CRICKET: WHITNEY THE REPLACEMENT CHANGES COURSE OF FIFTH TEST

Man with arthritic knees hits West Indies for six

From John Woodcock
Adelaide

Australia will have to start looking for more left-arm fast-medium bowlers with knees that have a "degenerating arthritic condition" and whose selection "flabbergasts" Greg Chappell. Such is the lot of Mike Whitney, who raised Australia's hopes of winning the fifth Test match against West Indies by taking six wickets for 75 runs on a good batting pitch here yesterday. At close of play, West Indies were 338 for eight in reply to Australia's 515.

Nothing seemed more certain when play started than that West Indies would reply in kind to Australia's huge first-innings total. By lunch Richardson had already collected his second hundred of the series and Haynes was well on the way to his third. So far, the match had produced 693 runs for the loss of 11 wickets.

As though sharing Chappell's opinion, Border had not even thought it worth bowling Whitney before lunch. He gave Hohns the cathedral end — we were summoned to the start of play by bells — for the first three hours of the day, and after four wildly expensive overs from Hughes, which took Richardson to a scintillating 50, May was brought on at the other. In the two hours of the morning West Indies scored 104 runs in 35 overs without losing a wicket.

Whitney's Test career must be unique — not simply because he has had four operations on his left knee and two on his right, but also for the unvarying circumstances in which he has come to be selected. This is his fourth appearance for Australia and each time he has been a replacement.

It happened twice in England in 1981, when Hogg and Lawson were injured. Whitney, who was obliging Gloucestershire's second team at the time, played at Old Trafford and the Oval. In 1987 he was having his Christmas dinner in Sydney when the telephone rang. The call was to ask him to take the first available flight to Melbourne, where he played against New Zealand next day.

It was Reid who was injured then. This time Whitney is playing only because Alderman pulled a hamstring running for a quick single in the last Test in Sydney.

He is, in fact, a good and tough competitor, with a wholehearted approach and a method that troubles the best right-handed batsmen when, as now, even the old ball is cutting away from leg to off. Whitney described himself last night, with becoming immodesty, as the best old-ball bowler in the world "except perhaps for Imran Khan".

He hoped he might have silenced a few critics, and now that Chappell is no longer a selector (he was until this season), he must have ensured himself of a place in the Australian side to England later this year.

It was Whitney who caused Greenidge to play on on Saturday, and in both his spells yesterday he changed the course of the game. In the first, of eight overs, he had Richardson caught at cover and Hooper at the wicket. He also had Hooper dropped at slip before scoring and Richards at shortish, straight mid-off when he was 17.

Whitney came on for a second time after evening drinks when West Indies were 310 for five and drawing away again, with Richards into his 60s and showing the application which could have saved West Indies in the Sydney Test match had he been in a similar mood.

Haynes had been run out when he and Richards hesitated momentarily over a short single, for a stroke by Richards, and Marsh threw down the striker's wicket from square leg. Hohns, who bowled his gentle leg-breaks and googlies for five of the day's six hours and was Border's prop and stay, had had a well-deserved success when Logie was caught at the wicket, trying to chop.

Now Whitney had Richards caught low down at short extra cover, playing the same stroke, a drive, off which he had been missed earlier. In the same over Marshall went to a good catch in the gully, and 20 minutes later Boon, diving to his right at short leg, caught Ambrose, also off Whitney. There was still time for Whitney to have Dujon caught at the wicket — or so it seemed. That Evans, the umpire, gave Dujon not out was in keeping with the pattern of the day.

It seemed that both umpires had resolved to give nothing out unless the batsman walked, which Hooper did, upon getting the thickest of edges, and Logie also did, perhaps because he knew he had already been out once. Both umpires seemed paralysed by an appeal. After being given a hard time during Australia's innings, their confidence looked to have been destroyed.

There was a stumping of Ambrose off Hohns that was so palpably out that when, soon afterwards, Dujon was given in off Whitney, even Border spoke his mind. It was, I am afraid, more an expression of dissent than disappointment. But Adelaide is a thankless enough place at which to bowl a side out without thinking that you might be better off with Shakoor Rana and Mahboob Shah in the white coats.

Because of the type of pitch it was, the Sydney result was not unpredictable. But here, too, the fight has gone out of the West Indians in the field; and since Melbourne, where all he had to do was to let rip with his fast bowlers, Richards's captaincy has not been a help.

Despite Richards's bowling 25 overs of his own make-believe off-breaks, off three derisory paces, the West Indian over-rate was a disgrace. On the first two cloudless days of the match there were only 157 overs, when the regulations are intended to require a minumum of 90 a day.

The time came on Saturday afternoon when even Hughes, a cart-horse of a batsman, could make 72 not out — runs which it was to take him only 11 overs to hand back when West Indies batted. For Australia's ninth wicket he and Jones added 114. In their last 80 Test matches West Indies had only once conceded a bigger total.

Jones's 216, lasting nine hours, finished by being a celebration of a personal, as well as a collective, release. Hughes's only other 50 was in "some district game in Melbourne". As a Test team West Indies may be, indeed are, the best in the world; but they can still be the most volatile.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA: First Innings:

G R Marsh c Dujon b Ambrose	21
M R Taylor run out	3
D C Boon c Richardson b Ambrose	94
D M Jones run out	216
*A R Border b Marshall	64
S R Waugh c Dujon b Walsh	12
†I A Healy lbw b Walsh	0
T E Hohns c Hooper b Walsh	9
T B A May c Richardson b Ambrose	24
M G Hughes not out	72
M R Whitney c Dujon b Patterson	2
Extras (lb 16, nb 40)	56
Total	515

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-64, 3-75, 4-269, 5-311, 6-511, 7-533, 8-383, 9-497.
BOWLING: Marshall 23-3-87-1; Patterson 30.5-1-130-1; Ambrose 28-4-99-3; Walsh 33-5-120-3; Hooper 9-0-14-0; Richards 25-1-73-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings:

C G Greenidge b Whitney	12
D L Haynes run out	65
R B Richardson c Jones b Whitney	100
*I V A Richards c Boon b Whitney	69
A L Logie c Healy b Hohns	21
†P J L Dujon not out	12
M D Marshall c Marsh b Whitney	0
C E L Ambrose c Boon b Whitney	9
C A Walsh not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 9, nb 7)	22
Total (8 wkts)	338

B P Patterson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-188, 3-190, 4-231, 5-233, 6-815, 7-315, 8-331.
BOWLING: Hughes 15-0-86-0; Whitney 24-5-75-5; May 16-5-42-0; Waugh 3-0-17-0; Hohns 42-6-90-1; Border 10-3-19-0.

Test abandoned after further rain

Dunedin — For the first time in New Zealand cricket history, a Test match has been abandoned without the toss and without a ball being bowled (Qamar Ahmed writes). The decision to abandon the first Test between New Zealand and Pakistan came after rain made play impossible for the third consecutive day.

The decision was taken before lunch on the third day with the consent of the two umpires, Steve Woodward and Steve Dunne, and the managers of both the teams. Instead of the Test, a one-day international will be played today. The final day of the Test has been kept as a reserve day for the one-day game in case play is not possible because of rain today. It is the fourth time in Test history that a Test has been abandoned without a ball being delivered.

The New Zealand Cricket Council is thought to be considering the accommodation of an extra Test later in the tour, possibly in place of the game against Shell XI scheduled for February 19 after the Wellington Test. However, John Wright, the New Zealand captain, said: "Three Tests in a row would be expecting a bit too much."

ATHLETICS

Christie raises British hopes

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

The selection of the biggest British team for the European indoor championships, in The Hague in two weeks, also stands to be one of the most successful in the 20-year history of the event.

After Linford Christie's unprecedented double in the Pearl Assurance AAA championships at Cosford on Saturday, the Olympic 100 metres silver medal winner looks likely to do the same in The Netherlands, and go a couple better than he did in Budapest last year, when he won the 60 metres, and finished third in the 200 metres.

On Saturday, Christie equalled that 60 metres title-winning time of 6.55sec, pushed to the fastest ever at Cosford by Michael Rosswess, who, with Mike McFarlane, European winner in 1984, makes up by far the strongest national trio in The Hague.

The same applies to the 200 metres, the 60 metres hurdles and 800 metres.

The preselection of John Regis with Christie (new best of 20.95sec on Saturday) for the 200 metres has, for the moment deprived Marcus Adam of a place for the The Hague. For Adam, as exciting a prospect as Rosswess, stumbled on the last bend on Saturday, and, although returning the same time of 21.28sec, was edged out by Ade Mafe for the third European place.

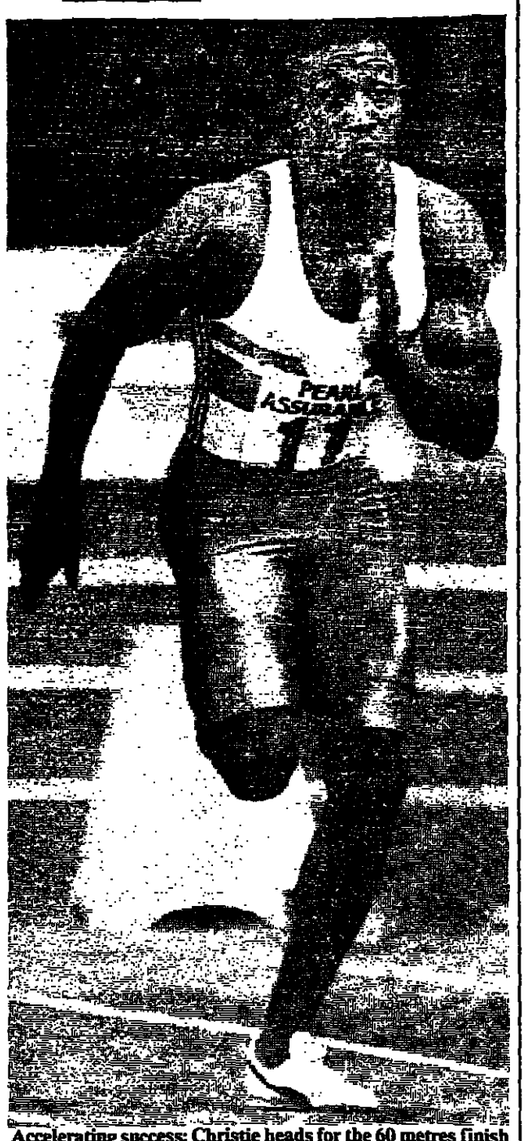
The import of Colin Jackson's hurdles winning time of 6.52sec, which equalled his personal best, is that he did it two weeks before the European championships, and a month before the world championships, in Budapest, for which he, Christie, Dalton Grant, Sally Gunnell and Diana Davies were also preselected yesterday.

The 800 metres is the other area of British strength, which is interesting, as much for how Sebastian Coe is likely to run, having missed his season's debut through injury last Wednesday, as for whether David Sharpe can reproduce the tactical acumen, which he seems to lack outdoors, but which won him both last year's European and last Saturday's national title.

RESULTS: MEN: 60 metres: 1 L Christie 6.55sec (equals UK indoor best; UK all-comers indoor best); 2, M Rosswess 6.63; 3, M McFarlane 6.68. 60 metres hurdles: 1 C Jackson 7.52 sec (equals UK indoor best); 2, N Walker 7.69; 3, S Buckeridge 7.77. 200 metres: 1, L Christie 20.95 sec (UK indoor all-comers best); 2, A Mafe 21.28; 3, M Adam 21.28. 400 metres: 1, P Brown 47.84sec; 2, G Cadogan 47.92; 3, P Hermsworth 48.07. 800 metres: 1, D Sharpe 1min 51.32sec; 2, S Heard 1:51.57; 3, M Steele 1:52.48. 1500 metres: 1, A Geddes 3min 47.39sec; 2, N Ovington 3:47.88; 3, G Baker 3:49.04. 3,000 metres: 1 P Larkins 7 min 58.84secs; 2, B Dee 7:59.57sec; 3, E Wedderburn 8:01.90sec. High Jump: 1 N Saunders 2.30m; 2, D Grant 2.24; 3, M Powell 2.12. Triple Jump: 1, F Agyepong 16.17m; 2, J Edwards 15.83; 3, J Sweeney 15.54. Pole vault: 1 A Ashurst 5.20m; 2, M Edwards 5.10; 3 K Stock 5.00. Long jump: 1, B Williams 7.88m; 2, P Johnson 7.77; 3, S Faulkner 7.67.

WOMEN: 60 metres: 1, P Dunn 7.28sec; 2, W Hoyte 7.36; 3, S Douglas 7.39. 60 metres hurdles: 1, L-A Skeete 8.15; 2, K Morley 8.26; 3, M Edwards 8.47. 200 metres: 1 G Jackson 23.37sec; 2, J Stoute 24.21; 3, S Short 24.43. 400 metres: 1 M Otley 52.21sec; 2, S Gunnell 52.58; 3, A Piggford 53.41. 800 metres: 1 M Kitson 2min 05.45sec; 2, A Molloy 2:07.44; 3, D Gandy 2:07.84. 1500 metres: 1, K Hutcheson 4mm 14.86secs; 2, L McIntyre 4:21.56; 3, J Ewing 4:26.50. 3,000 metres: 1, N Morris Brtish 05.73sec; 2, J Asgill 9:27.19; 3, L Webb 9:32.82. High Jump: 1, S Hutchings 1.82m; 2, D Ward 1.82; 3, C Summerfield 1.79.

BRITISH TEAM (for the European championships at The Hague): Men: 60 metres: L Christie, M Rosswess, M McFarlane 200 metres: Christie, J Regis, A Mafe. 400 metres: B Whittle, T Bennett, P Brown. 800 metres: S Coe, D Sharpe, S Heard. 1,500 metres: M Kirk (Ballymena). 3,000 metres: C Walker, A Currie, P Larkins. 60 metres hurdles: C Jackson, N Walker, S.Buckeridge. High jump: D Grant, J Holman. Long jump: S Faulkner, P Johnson. Triple jump: J Herbert (Haringey). Shot: M Simson (Thurrock).


Accelerating success: Christie heads for the 60 metres finish

Tropical win by McColgan

Bali (Reuter) — Liz McColgan, of Scotland, an Olympic silver medal winner in Seoul, overcame heat and stifling humidity to win a 10km road race here yesterday.

Despite a 7 am start, the temperature had risen to 37° C by the time she crossed the finishing line, 10 seconds clear, in 31min 30sec. This was 23 seconds outside her own world best, which, had she beaten it, would have brought her a prize of £285,000.

The men's race was also won by the favourite, the Mexican Arturo Barrios, in 28 minutes.

RESULTS: Men: 1, A Barrios (Mex), 28mm; 2, D Domioos (Eth), 28.22; 3, B Kibret (Eth), 28:29. British placings: 8, J Buckner, 29:41. Women: 1, E McColgan (GB), 31:30; 2, A Hannan (NZ), 32:40; 3, L Williams (Can), 32:52.

BOBSLEIGHING

Weder has his lead wiped out by Hoppe

From Chris Moore
Cortina

Wolfgang Hoppe snatched a remarkable victory in the two-man competition at the world championships here yesterday by wiping out a seemingly insurmountable deficit.

The East German, aged 31, looked to have lost the chance of a third world crown, to add to his Olympic title in 1984, when he trailed Gustav Weder, of Switzerland, by 0.29sec after Saturday's first two lauls.

Yet he beat Weder by an amazing 0.23sec on yesterday's third run and by 0.12sec on the final descent to take the gold medal by just 0.06sec in an aggregate time of 3min 38.05 sec. Janis Kipurs, of the Soviet Union, the Olympic champion in Calgary, took the bronze.

Weder, winner of the European title in Winterberg last month, had beaten Hoppe in their two previous meetings. But he acknowledged his rival's performance yesterday as "that of the master", adding: "when he drives like that he is unbeatable".

British hopes of a top 10 finish were dashed on the opening run when Nick Phipps and Mark Tout failed to capitalize on two of the best start times. But after clocking the joint twelfth best time on the third lauf, they improved their overall positions with Tout finishing fourteenth and Phipps fifteenth, separated by only 0.17sec.

RESULTS: 1, East Germany I (Hoppe, Musiol), 3:38.06; 2, Switzerland I (Weder, B Gerber), 3:38.11; 3, Soviet Union I (Kipurs, A Intiera), 3:39.89; 4, West Germany I (Schaditz, L Heber), 3:40.31; 5, Switzerland II (Baracchi, D Acklin), 3:40.66; 6, East Germany II (Falkenberg, A Jang), 3:40.73, 7, Canada I (Hayden luck, C Langford), 3:41.06; 8, West Germany II (A Fischer, C Langen), 3:41.12; 9, Italy I (R D'Amico, T Romanasenar), 3:41.96; 10, Austria I (I Appel, H Winkler), 3:42.20. Other Placings: 14, Great Britain I, 3:43.93; 15, Great Britain II, 3:44.10; 30, Ireland I, 3:49.04; 37, Ireland II, 3:52.35

BOWLS

Close win for Paddington

Steve Halmai's rink scored three shots on the last end against Norman Shelley (Atherley) to win the match for Paddington 87-86 in the Anglia Secure Homes club championship at Desborough on Saturday (Gordon Allan writes).

Bob Middleton, Halmai's third man, tucked the jack away for three, forcing Shelley to fire and miss twice.

Paddington play Boston, and Ipswich play Bristol, in the semi-finals at Havering on March 4.

QUARTER-FINALS: Paddington 87, Atherley 86; Darlington 72, Boston 78; St Neots 75, Ipswich 97; Bristol 87, Plymouth 72.

House of Lords — Law Report February 6 1989 — Court of Appeal

Overpaid VAT can be deducted

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Fine Art Developments plc

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry

[Speeches February 2]

A person registered for value-added tax who made an overpayment of VAT by mistake (whether a mistake of law or of fact) in a previous VAT accounting period was entitled to deduct the overpayment from a current liability to VAT.

The House of Lords held allowing an appeal by a taxpayer company, Fine Art Developments plc, from a judgment of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Taylor) (The Times January 30, 1988; [1988] 2 WLR 795), dismissing the company's appeal from a decision of Sir Neil Lawson, who, sitting as a High Court judge, had allowed the Customs and Excise Commissioners' appeal from an order of Deputy Master Rose dismissing the commissioners' application for summary judgment.

Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Robert Mathew for the taxpayer company; Mr John Laws and Mr Robert Jay for the commissioners.

LORD KEITH said that the taxpayer company manufactured and distributed greeting cards and was registered for purposes of VAT.

The supply of cards by the company to its customers in the United Kingdom was a taxable supply, so it was liable to charge its customers with VAT and to account for the tax so charged (output tax) to the commissioners and to take credit for the tax on the supply to it of goods or services (input tax).

The prices charged by the company to its customers for wholesale supplies of cards were lower than the prices charged by the customers on sale by retail.

On August 13, 1981 the commissioners served on the company a notice of direction requiring it to calculate output tax on the open market value of the cards on sale by retail which was more than the prices actually charged by the company to the customers. The company complied.

However, another taxpayer subject to a similar direction successfully challenged its validity under Community law in proceedings in the Court of Justice of the European Communities: see Direct Cosmetics Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners (Case 5/84) (The Times March 12, 1985; [1985] 2 CMLR 145).

On March 5, 1985 the commissioners informed the company that the notice was withdrawn with effect from February 14, 1985, the day after the decision of the European Court and that from then on it should account for VAT on the basis of the prices actually charged by the company to its customers.

The company had accounted for VAT in accordance with the notice of direction from August 13, 1981 until June 30, 1983 when it ceased to do so because of doubts about the validity of the notice. The excess of tax paid was £1,399,022.

The commissioners informed the company that they were prepared to consider claims for repayment of VAT paid under invalid notices but would not do so for payments made before November 9, 1983 unless the taxpayer in question had queried the validity of the notice at an earlier date. November 9 was the date the Direct Cosmetics case was referred by the London VAT Tribunal to the European Court.

On July 22, 1985 the company requested the commissioners to refund the £1,399,022. The commissioners refused and the company in its VAT return for December 31, 1985 deducted that sum from the net amount of VAT then otherwise due.

By letter dated March 3, 1986 the commissioners contended that the overpayment was irrecoverable as having been made under a mistake of law and requested payment of the £1,399,022 within seven days. On October 20, 1986 the commissioners issued a writ in the High Court claiming payment by the company of the sum due as a debt to the Crown.

The company were not entitled to deduct past overpayments of VAT from that currently due unless there was some provision of primary or secondary legislation which authorized it to do so.

The company maintained that such authorization was to be found in certain provisions of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886) made by the commissioners under various powers conferred upon them by the Value Added Tax Act 1983. The powers particularly relevant were those to be found in paragraphs 2(1) and (4) of Schedule 7 to the Act.

The argument for the company was that the terms of form of return prescribed by regulation 58(1) and the requirements of paragraph 63(b) [adjustment of errors] and paragraph 64 [description of VAT account] of the VAT Guide as revised on January 1, 1984, which had legal force, incorporated arrangements for the correction of errors which the commissioners were authorized to make by paragraph 2(4)(c) of Schedule 7 to the 1983 Act.

Regulation 64 of the 1985 Regulations obliged the company to correct errors, including those arising from previous overdeclarations. That was what the company did in its return for December 31, 1985.

The argument for the commissioners was that under the provisions of section 14 of the 1983 Act the taxpayer was entitled to credit in any accounting period only for input tax, and that any regulations made by the commissioners allowing credit for anything else, in particular for past overdeclarations would be inconsistent with those provisions and thus ultra vires.

In his Lordship's opinion, the terms of section 14 were not inconsistent with an intention on the part of Parliament that the commissioners should have power to bring about that past errors resulting, in whatever way, in overdeclarations or underdeclarations of tax should be corrected in subsequent returns.

In the ordinary case liability would fall to be established simply by deducting input tax from output tax, or vice versa, in the current accounting period, and that was what section 14 contemplated.

But paragraph 2(4)(c) of Schedule 7 gave the commissioners specific power to make regulations for the correction of errors, and such regulations, when made, took their place in the Act alongside the provisions of section 14.

The prescribed form of return and the requirements of paragraphs 63(b) and 64 of the VAT Guide could only be construed as giving a legal right to make deductions from current liability to VAT in respect of past overdeclarations made in error. No differentiation was made between overdeclarations made through error of law and those made through error of fact.

In Benerware Products Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners (No 2) (The Times November 21, 1987; [1988] STC 6), Mr Justice Simon Brown dealing with a case on facts indistinguishable from those of the present case accepted the argument of the taxpayer and rejected that of the commissioners, both being similar to those advanced in their Lordship's House. In his Lordship's opinion the reasoning contained in that judgment was entirely correct.

Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Shakespeare Duggan Lea & Co, Birmingham; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Jurisdiction over child after divorce

In re G

Before Lord Justice O'Connor and Mrs Justice Booth

[Judgment January 25]

A juvenile court was not precluded from making an order under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 committing to the local authority's custody a child who was already the subject of a care and access order made in divorce proceedings in the county court.

Thereafter it was inappropriate for the county court to exercise its jurisdiction in relation to the interim care of the child under section 43 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the father of G from Judge Bootham at Exeter County Court who had refused his application, made under section 43 of the 1973 Act, in respect of G, who had been committed to the care of the local authority pursuant to an order made in Exeter Juvenile Court and in relation to whose custody and access, orders had already been made in the county court.

Mr Nicholas Wall, QC and Mr David Tyzack for the father; Mr Hugh Lewis for the mother; Mr George Meredith for the local authority.

MRS JUSTICE BOOTH said that G, following her parents' divorce, had lived with her mother with regular access by her father under orders made in the divorce proceedings in the county court.

It had, however, suddenly become necessary for the local authority, acting in her protection, to remove her from home and place her with foster parents.

The authority then took proceedings in the juvenile court, with the father's support and obtained a care order under the 1969 Act. It was common ground that at that time no one had considered either the subsisting custody order, or the jurisdiction of the county court to commit G to care under section 43 of the 1973 Act.

Subsequently, the father's access to G was reduced and fearing the authority were considering a future placement for adoption, he, with the mother's approval, applied to the county court for custody and an interim care order under section 43.

In the event of obtaining the care order, he asked that access be defined. The local authority opposed his application.

Accepting that there was jurisdiction to make the custody order, the judge declined to make an order under section 43 on the ground that once a care order had been made under the 1969 Act, another court should not assume a general reviewing power over the local authority.

It was clearly established law that under the present care order, the authority was not subject to the direction of any court as to the father's access. It was only when the authority sought to terminate access arrangements, or refused to make such arrangements, that a parent could apply to the juvenile court for an access order under the 1969 Act.

If an order were made by the county court under section 43 of the 1973 Act, then by virtue of section 43(5) the local authority would be subject to directions from the court including those relating to access.

Mr Wall submitted that a child who was the subject of the jurisdiction of the matrimonial court remained so, and that that was the court which should if necessary have made an order committing the child to the authority's care.

He conceded that the parents retained the power to consent to the exercise of its care jurisdiction by the juvenile court, so long as such consent was informed by a sufficient knowledge of the consequences.

The father here was not made aware of the continuing jurisdiction of the county court, or that it could give directions for access to the local authority whereas the juvenile court could not. Mr Wall argued that the father's consent was not accordingly informed consent.

Mr Meredith had pointed out that in reality the father wished the county court in effect to be in a position of reviewing the authority's access decisions, and that A v Liverpool City Council ([1982] AC 363) and In re W (a Minor) ([1985] AC 791) prohibited any such review.

In her Ladyship's judgment, Mr Wall had rightly accepted that the care order made in the juvenile court was valid. There was nothing in either the 1969 or 1973 Act to suggest that a child who was already the subject of a matrimonial order under the 1973 Act might not be the subject of a care order under the 1969 Act.

There was no statutory or other restraint on the parents of a child subject to a matrimonial custody order being able to consent to the juvenile court's exercising its care jurisdiction.

It was well established that no major step in the life of a ward could be taken without the consent of the court. But the same rule was not applicable in respect of a child who was the subject of a custody order.

There was no reason which precluded the local authority from initiating the care proceedings in the juvenile court or which precluded the parents from concurring with that action.

There was no challenge to the proposition that G remained under the jurisdiction of the divorce court which had the continuing power to vary or discharge the current custody order, although no such matrimonial order would be effective during the continuation of the care order. Were the care order to be discharged, G's custody would again be governed by the order subsisting in the matrimonial suit.

Since the juvenile court had jurisdiction to make its care order and since it did so with the concurrence of the parents, it was thereafter no longer open to the divorce court to exercise its own statutory jurisdiction under the 1973 Act to make a second care order the effect of which would be to leave G in the care of the local authority.

The fact that the parents in concurring were not aware that the juvenile court did not have the same powers as the divorce court to give directions was not so fundamental as to vitiate the validity of the juvenile court order, or to provide a good reason why the divorce court should have superimposed its order over the justices.

Even under the procedures governed by the 1969 Act, the parents were not without ability to seek relief in the court. If the local authority were to serve a termination of access notice, or to refuse to make access arrangements in respect of G, the parents could apply to the juvenile court under the provisions of the Child Care Act 1980.

Furthermore, the father could apply in the divorce court for a custody order which, if he obtained it, would enable him to apply to the justices to discharge the care order.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed

Solicitors: Dunn & Baker, Exeter; Ford Simey & Ford, Exmouth; Mr W. A. Burkinshaw, Exeter.

Severe sentences for reckless driving deaths

Regina v Hudson

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Henry

[Judgment February 3]

Deaths caused by reckless driving were avoidable and when such driving caused such deaths the public expected and was entitled to expect that it should be dealt with severely.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal against a two-year prison sentence and five-year driving licence disqualification imposed on Alan James Hudson, aged 22, a self-employed van driver, of Green Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, by Judge Watling, QC, at Chelmsford Crown Court after a plea of guilty to causing the death of John Thomas Allston, a lorry driver, on January 20, 1988, contrary to section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted by section 50(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

Mr Paul Leigh-Morgan, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE HENRY, giving the judgment of the court, said that at about 6pm the appellant was overtaking lines of traffic proceeding along the A120 near Braintree, Essex.

A lorry driver who was overtaken put out a call on his citizens band radio that a "suicide jockey" was on the road and had been driving like a maniac. Other drivers spoke about a "headbanger" and the driving as "absolute madness" and "sheer stupidity".

The appellant collided head-on with an oncoming lorry and its driver was killed.

In R v Boswell ([1984] 1 WLR 1047) the court had dealt with various aggravating factors in such an offence. One of them was "a prolonged, persistent and deliberate course of very bad driving". That, in their Lordships' judgment, described the appellant's driving on that night.

He ignored warnings of flashing headlights and such matters from other drivers. This was not a one-off error of judgment. It was a course of extremely bad driving.

It was said on his behalf that there was absolutely no question of alcohol being involved and that, when he was not behind the wheel, he appeared to be responsible. He had a good character, good work record and a previously clean licence. All in all, what was known about him when he was not driving was difficult to reconcile with his driving that night.

That driving could only be characterized as aggressive. On the roads aggression killed. When it did kill it was of little comfort to the victim's family or to society that the driver responsible did not behave in such a way when he was not behind the wheel.

Deaths caused in such circumstances were avoidable. As was pointed out in Boswell, half the population, that is, women, were very seldom convicted of the offence. That showed that such deaths were avoidable.

When such driving caused such deaths it had to be punished. The public expected and was entitled to expect that it would be dealt with severely.

Two years imprisonment was absolutely right. As to the five-year disqualification it could well have been longer.

The appeal was dismissed.

Sentence committal inappropriate after misunderstanding of case

Regina v Cardiff Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Morgan

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice McCowan

[Judgment January 25]

Where a magistrate was fully informed of the material facts of the offences alleged, but misunderstood the scope of the allegations and indicated that he was prepared to try the case summarily, he was not entitled at a later stage (the defendant having elected summary trial and pleaded guilty) to commit the defendant to the crown court for sentence on appreciating the true nature of the offences.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing a decision of the Cardiff Stipendiary Magistrate on June 16, 1988, to commit the applicant, Mr Hugh Morgan, to the crown court for sentence on 10 charges of theft and remitting the matter to the Cardiff magistrates to proceed to sentence.

Mr Charles Cook for Mr Morgan; Mr David Howard Evans for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE McCOWAN said that what occurred was not in dispute. On May 12, 1988, representations as to mode of trial were made by both the prosecution and the defence.

The prosecutor outlined all the relevant factors, including that the 10 charges were specimen charges only and that further offence forms were to be prepared, that a figure in the region of £50,000 was involved in the case. He invited the magistrate to order a crown court trial.

After representations by the defence arguing for a summary trial the magistrate agreed to accept jurisdiction to try the case. Mr Morgan promptly pleaded guilty to all 10 charges.

The case was then adjourned to June 9 when, after the prosecution had outlined the case, the magistrate indicated that at the previous hearing he had not appreciated that the 10 charges were specimens, and he had been under the impression that the value involved was in the region of £15,000.

Both the prosecutor and the defence confirmed what had been said at the May hearing, and the magistrate then stated that there had clearly been a misunderstanding on his part, and that he now considered that his sentencing powers were insufficient to deal with the case.

After a further adjournment the magistrate heard legal argument from both sides, decided that he had power to commit for sentence and said that he intended to exercise the power.

It was not a case where there had been no proper inquiry. On May 12 the prosecution had no doubt told the magistrate everything that they thought relevant, in the attempt to persuade him not to agree to summary trial.

In those circumstances, if the magistrate had misunderstood the facts, that should not result in prejudice to the defendant, who had lost his chance to go for trial by jury.

Mr Evans suggested that additional material which was produced during the June 9 hearing made a difference because it had to do with "character", for the purposes of section 38 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, showing Mr Morgan as a worse character than the magistrate believed.

If those further matters had been thought really material they would have been mentioned at the May 12 hearing; they were a mere filling in of detail and did not amount to new additional material entitling the magistrate to change his mind.

Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Layton Lougher & Co, Cardiff; Crown Prosecution Service, Cardiff.

Tenacious defence dashes the hopes of Carling's men, exposing both their limitations and those of the championship itself

Scots frustrate English expectations

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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"We have respect for everyone," Finlay Calder said. "Whether it is England or Wales or Zimbabwe or Romania, we treat them just the same."

Calder, the captain of Scotland, was voicing the expectations of a country with a small rugby-playing population, as opposed to England, whose breadth — if not depth — of playing strength, creates time and again a popular expectancy which is not fulfilled.

It was that quality in their preparation which enabled Scotland to emerge with a draw — a goal and two penalty goals against four penalties — from the disappointing Save and Prosper international at Twickenham on Saturday.

It is the seventeenth such result in this series (more than any other in the five nations' championship), which argues, perhaps, an inability to cope with each other's playing style, but it is scant comfort to England that they retain the Calcutta Cup; neither side can now look forward to a triple crown or grand slam in the championship.

In the last seconds, Andrew had the opportunity to win the game for England with a 25-metre penalty wide on the left. He missed, which at that stage was justice because England did not deserve to steal the result — though I dare say they could have lived with it. In fact, if taking chances wins games, then Scotland deserved to walk away victorious because they had five scoring opportunities and took three of them.

That kick was, remarkably, England's eleventh penalty attempt, of which Andrew took six and Webb five while Andrew was also wide with a drop at goal from almost in front of the posts. It is clear, therefore, that England might have won the game several times over even allowing for the wind blustering out of the south-west and swirling around the ground; they did not, partly due to the fallibility of their kickers but also to the tenacious Scottish defence and their own inability to depart from their original tactical plan.

That argues an immaturity about the side which, I had hoped, had been eradicated. It reflects on the captain, who is, of course, in his apprenticeship both as leader and player.

He is entitled to hope for better decision-making from some of his experienced players but there remains, for instance, a brittleness about Underwood's defensive play which contributed towards the Scottish try and an inability by Andrew to vary his game effectively.

If England's game went wrong anywhere, it was at half back; they had enough quality possession to have stamped a better imprint upon the game. By comparison, Scotland's youngsters, with all of five caps between them, played with great maturity: Armstrong is a most thoughtful player, with an armoury which left Morris looking slower and more limited than against Australia. Chalmers has that wonderful capacity to shrug off mistakes, an accurate boot and a commendable strength in the tackle.

He ignored Robinson's attempts at intimidation which did the England flanker no great credit; Robinson appeared to be deflected by the early tension of the game

But England never used him as nature intended and as they had trained to do: as a support player in midfield and out wide. It was 10 minutes into the second half before Oti received a pass while Underwood received nothing which did not have a Scot attached to it.

If the Scottish defence, in which the tackling of Hastings and Lineen was outstanding, made passing difficult then it should have been turned, either with little chip kicks or better high balls than the two Andrew put up in the second half.

England led twice in the first quarter, Andrew landing two careful goals against one by Dods. Scotland's try came after Chalmers posted a towering garryowen, which Webb could not hold, Jeffrey shouldered Underwood aside to kick on and touch down ahead of Oti. Dods's second penalty came from another high ball by Chalmers, which was jolted from Richards's grasp; Calder, White and Armstrong drove to the line where Morris fell offside.

Oti's first run, bumping off three men, led to Webb's first penalty but the full back needed the help of an upright to land the equalizer after Cronin, running back, played the ball in an offside position.

There remained a quarter of the match to go but England's inflexibility limited them to two more kicks at goal and the frustration of knowing that, while their forward power could take them frequently to Scotland's 22, the try-line remained a distant horizon.

SCORERS: England: Penalties: Andrew (2), Webb (2). Scotland: Try: Jeffrey. Conversion: Dods. Penalties: Dods (2).
ENGLAND: J M Webb (Bristol); R Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt), S J Halliday (Bath), C Oti (Wasps); C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Liverpool St Helens); P A G Rendall (Wasps), J A C Moore (Nottingham), J A Probyn (Wasps), M C Teague (Gloucester), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P J Ackford (Harlequins), R A Robinson (Bath), D Richards (Leicester).
SCOTLAND: P W Dods (Gala); K W Robertson (Melrose), S Hastings (Watsonians), P Lineen (Boroughmuir), I Tukalo (Selkirk); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jedforest); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), J Jeffrey (Kelso), C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP, capt), D B White (London Scottish).
Referee: G Maurette (France).



Passing interest: Morris (foreground), Teague (centre) and Moore, of England, look for the fruit of their labours against Scotland at Twickenham

Amateurs fail to conceal status

COMMENTARY



David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

The rugby union game likes to proclaim, however much it may be stepping on thin ice, that it is an amateur game. On Saturday at Twickenham it was nothing so much as amateurish, a condition in which the erratic French referee found himself in good company. England gave a performance which, for technique and imagination, was, in comparison with other sports, on the level of the Vauxhall-Opel League or the village green.

There is the danger that rugby union is becoming professional in everything but its playing standard, which is restrained by the vigour of its amateur ethic to an artificial level. It is an embarrassing dilemma.

Rugby union is protected from the sort of criticism which, following such a display, would be heaped upon a World Cup football team, only by the fact that there are so few nations competing seriously at the higher level: seven, excluding South Africa, 10 if you include them, Romania and Argentina. Because there are so few teams, and they play relatively infrequently, much of the charm of rugby is generated by discussion rather than action. This is both its strength and weakness. The game is almost like a private club, for both players and spectators, in which standards, as in the legal profession, are protected from a wider scrutiny by traditions.

It was possible, for example, for the England threequarter line to be described on television beforehand, as the best in the world, simply because the standard is so infrequently tested.

To listen afterwards to Geoff Cooke was to be asked to believe that England had been denied by a combination of masterly negative tactics by the Scots, a swirling wind and an idiosyncratic referee. Such rationalization is like excusing a car accident, having driven off the road, by claiming it would not have happened if the ditch had not been there.

England failed to win a match which they almost totally controlled, in lineout and loose, because they could not perform one of the most straightforward jobs in the whole of sport — kicking a stationary ball between two posts with no impediment other than nerve and the elements — and because the forwards consistently ran straight back into the ruck the moment they had picked up the ball.

If the whole of English rugby cannot produce a player capable of kicking the ball straight for 40 yards, every other aspect of preparation of the national team becomes a waste of time.

It cannot be said that Scotland did such a marvellous job when, in truth, they should have been beaten by a dozen penalty-kick points. Equally, there appeared a serious lack of understanding between the back row and the half backs, and, for people who treat the game's tactics with such emotional reverence, it is hard to understand how it could take nearly an hour to pass the ball for the first time to the most dangerous player on the pitch, Oti.

I envy rugby its ability to be so insulated from reality, from an acknowledgement of technical competence or the lack of it. The crowd encourages this attitude.

If one went to the match looking for excellence, it was to be found in the positioning, handling and supremely accurate kicking, even under pressure, of Chalmers, the Scots stand-off half; and of the back row whose mobility he was seeking to exploit.

Dublin party is named at once

By David Hands

Within five hours of the ending of the Calcutta Cup match, England confirmed that there would be no changes in the party that will play Ireland in Dublin on February 18.

This represents a departure from the policy of management, of giving itself a clear 24 hours to ponder each match before announcing the next team. It is a psychological move to instil confidence in its own players at a time when morale has been lowered.

The management has stated an article of faith; the players who are the beneficiaries — both half backs and full back might have merited discussion — will be aware that such gestures have to be rewarded in performance. At the same time it is a reflection upon how limited England are for choice in certain key areas.

The favouring of England, combined with the volume of optimism proceeding from the English camp, was a source of considerable motivation to the Scots; in fairness to the England players, few of them stated that Saturday's task would be other than intensely demanding.

Both countries were united, too, in failing to understand the reasons for the award of so many penalties. Guy Maurette favoured England 20-11, which is a commentary on Scotland's play at ruck and maul, though not on England's lineout play, which included considerable buffeting and barging. "I don't think we have to look too hard at our game," Ian McGeechan, the Scottish coach, said. "We didn't come to play illegally and give away penalties. But you have to play the game as it's being refereed on the day. I'll settle for two aways draws this season." Scotland's final match is in Paris.

Cooke said: "You can't blame the referee. He's doing his best in a game played at tremendous pace, with bodies flying all over the place. You have to accept his decisions. The award of so many penalties was symptomatic of all the mess and mayhem that was going on."

Andrew began the game as England's first-choice goalkicker and scored with his first two efforts. He then missed two and a further penalty at the start of the second half, when he had been treated after a kick in the face. He asked Carling to be relieved of the duty and Webb took over for the next five attempts at goal, his two successes — like Andrew's — taking him past 100 points for England. "You have to rely on the way they [the kickers] feel," Carling said.

Predatory Irish exploit Welsh mistakes

By Gerald Davies

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Jimmy Davidson, the Irish coach, may have felt bewildered a fortnight ago when his team, with a substantial lead, failed to close down the French attack and went on to lose a match which was theirs for the winning. But the lesson had been absorbed.

On Saturday Ireland, in a championship match which fell well below par and was riddled with basic errors, managed to pin down whatever the Welsh had to offer. In the final, frantic moments of Welsh assault they secured a victory which for most of the time was hardly theirs to claim.

They won because, excepting Welsh mistakes, they took their chances with open arms while Wales, again having created more opportunities, saw the match drift hopelessly away. This gave Ireland their third successive win in Cardiff.

By losing this British Coal-sponsored game by a goal, a try and three penalties to a try and three penalties, Wales have managed to win only one of their last seven matches, and that against Western Samoa, which, with due respect to newly developing opponents, is hardly an uplifting thought.

Each side, with minimal flair, had to claw its way back. First it was Ireland who had to do so. Kiernan's couple of second-half penalties cancelled Thorburn's two in the first half. Kiernan's third gave his team the lead and Mannion's try extended it. Then it was Wales's turn as Thorburn's penalty and Mark Jones's try brought it level once more. Dean's try in the 25th minute proved conclusive.

This gave an excitement to the game which was not matched by any high level of skill. It was a rumbustious affair, players kicking and chasing for the most part, and the quality of the general play from both sides was disappointing.

It was the simple predatory instincts of the Irish which gave them the victory rather than any creative ability. All their scores arose from Welsh mistakes, their tries as well as their penalties. The penalties were for Welsh ill discipline, the tries from Welsh bad timing — Bowen's kick was charged down while Jones's pass was intercepted and the chance was aided by Irwin's knock-on.

The crucial area of the game was the lineout. Here, whichever way you care to look at it, the Irish had a better day. I suspect that Irish good fortune might have a good deal to do with the inconsistency of Roger Quittenton's refereeing. He failed to come to terms with the lineout.

The Arms Park is not a happy place for him. Once again a decision of his cost Wales the game. For Ireland's winning try the referee took the wrong line of running behind a maul, which left him unsighted, and he failed to see that Irwin had charged down Jones's path and knocked the ball forward. Wales were six points up at half-time after Thorburn's two penalties. By the thirteenth minute of the second half Kiernan had put Ireland into the lead with three penalties.

Wales, in a purposeful response, mounted an attack when Bowen's kick was picked up from the stand-off half's foot by Mannion on his own 22-metre line. The No. 8 ran magnificently all the way, with Bryant chasing, for a memorable try. After Thorburn's penalty, Mark Jones, who had a wonderful match, scored his try to make it all square again.

Dean's try and Kiernan's conversion were good enough, even though the few remaining moments were spent on Ireland's line as Wales charged and charged again for the line with three consecutive short penalties. Ireland's defence held firm.

SCORERS: Wales: Try: M Jones. Penalties: Thorburn (3). Ireland: Tries: Dean, Mannion. Conversion: Kiernan. Penalties: Kiernan (3).
WALES: P H Thorburn (Neath, capt; rep: P Turner, Newbridge); I C Evans (Llanelli), J A Devereux (Bridgend; rep: C Davies), N G Davies (Llanelli), M R Hall (Bridgend); B Bowen (Swansea), R N Jones (Swansea), M Griffiths (Bridgend), I J Watkins (Ebbw Vale), L Delaney (Llanelli), R Phillips (Neath), P T Davies (Llanelli), K Moseley (Pontypool), D Bryant (Bridgend), M A Jones (Neath).
IRELAND: F J Dusties (Landsdowne); M J Kiernan (Dolphin), B J Mullin (London Irish), D G Irwin (Instonians), K D Crossan (Instonians); P M Dean (St Mary's College), L D P Aherne (Landsdowne); T P J Clancy (Landsdowne), S J Smith (Ballymena), J J McCoy (Bangor), P M Matthews (Wanderers, capt), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution), W A Anderson (Dungannon), P J O'Hara (Sunday's Well), N P Mannion (Corinthians).
Referee: R Quittenton (England).



Running free: Crossan evades a Welsh tackle to launch an Irish attack at Cardiff Arms Park

Bigger role urged for touch judges

By Peter Bills

The match-winning try scored by Ireland from a knock-on has raised the question of whether touch judges should play a greater role in international matches.

Some leading coaches and players in Wales last night called for more involvement from touch judges in the wake of Paul Dean's winning try. Television replays showed that when Irwin, the Irish centre, dived to block the pass of Jones, the Welsh scrum half, the ball hit his hand and rolled some yards forward. Dean picked up and dived over.

The film also showed that Roger Quittenton, the referee, was obscured from the incident behind the maul. Welsh protests were to no avail.

Jones believes that Quittenton erred in not seeking the opinion of his touch judges, both of whom have controlled internationals. Jones said that touch judges could step in if they witnessed foul play.

"Immediately it happened I thought surely that was a knock-on", Jones said. "If it is patently obvious to everyone else, touch judges should be allowed to intervene. One of them must have seen it and he should have been able to come in and tell the referee."

Jones insisted he did not blame Quittenton. "He was obviously unsighted and thought we had tried to kick the ball. Had it been charged down under those circumstances it would have been fair. But this was a clear knock-on."

Jones's views found support from Gareth Jenkins, coach of the Welsh champions, Llanelli. Jenkins sees a role for touch judges in that situation. "It is wrong that a referee who was unsighted gave the doubt to the side that scored. Involving touch judges would in no way challenge a referee's responsibility or authority. The very nature of the game makes it inevitable that referees will be unsighted at certain times. Why not ask if you did not see something."

Judging from the reaction of Dean after his touchdown, he seemed equally uncertain as to the legality of the score. This raises the fascinating question of why rugby, a sport which prides itself upon its good manners and honesty, has no tradition, as in cricket, of players aware of an official's error informing him as to the truth of the matter.

Quittenton was not available yesterday to comment.

Five nations' table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	1	1	0	35	18	3
France	1	1	0	0	26	21	2
Ireland	2	1	0	1	40	39	2
England	1	0	1	0	12	12	1
Wales	2	0	0	2	20	42	0

REMAINING FIXTURES: February 18: Ireland v England; France v Wales. March 4: Scotland v Ireland; England v France. March 18: Wales v. England; France v Scotland.

Lenient Orrell opt to run instead of kick

By a Special Correspondent

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With a little more application, Orrell could have defeated their hosts. Langford (twice), Wright and Strett contributed a series of booming kicks to touch in the 22 to keep Scottish on their heels in the opening half-hour. From Wright's punt, the lineout led to a scrum, where Crawshaw's break off the pack and short pass sent Wilkinson over for the first score.

Orrell, in lenient mood, opted to run the ball twice instead of accepting easy penalty kicks at goal. The exiles missed two kicks of their own, by Mitchell and Grecian, but Grecian succeeded from close to halfway a minute before the interval, Pegg having been penalized in the ruck.

Grecian kicked his second penalty from wide on the left two minutes into the second half. A useful drive and maul set up the scrum half, Millard, for a 40-yard lineside dash to the try line.

Langford kicked a 30-yard penalty for Orrell in the 55th minute but six minutes later a storming break by Richardson put Caskie over for the Exiles' second try. Strett managed a penalty in reply.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Try: Caskie, Millard. Penalty: Grecian (2). Orrell: Try: Crawshaw. Penalties: Langford, Strett.
LONDON SCOTTISH: J Beazley; N Grecian, D Elliot, D Caskie, D Brucan; Lockhart; A Mitchell, D Millard; D Denham, D Peterson, D Butcher, J Campbell-Lamerton, I Campbell-Lamerton, I Morrison, A Buchanan-Smith, C Richardson.
ORRELL: S Taverner; I Wilkinson, D Fell, S Langford, P Halsall; M Strett, C Wright; M Hynes, N Hitchen, D Southern, M Glynn, C Brierley, D Cleary, A Pegg, A Crawshaw.
Referee: E Houston (Hertfordshire).

Stiff challenges ahead

Dungannon, needing a point from their final league match, against **Academy** next Saturday, to become champions of section two of the Ulster Senior League, had a taste of the opposition to be faced in the top section when they were trounced 32-10 by **Malone** on Saturday (George Ace writes). Ards, sure to be relegated, registered 44 points against the hapless **Instonians**.

South of the border, **Shannon** won a battle of the giants by overcoming **Lansdowne** 11-9 while **Bective Rangers** scored one of their rare wins, defeating **Blackrock College** 18-16.

Waterloo overwhelm inconsistent Coventry

By Michael Stevenson

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Waterloo, with one eye cocked towards their crucial Pilkington Cup match at Gloucester next Saturday, still brought too many guns to bear on Coventry, who lost an initially irritable but eventually pleasing contest at Blundellsands.

Waterloo have been reproached so often for playing nine or 10-man rugby that the outstanding performances of Tarleton, standing in for Aitchison at stand-off half, and Greenhalgh, in the centre, were the more commendable. Behind them, Tickle was a model of enterprise and reliability but the winners' outstanding performance came from their captain and flanker, Gallagher.

Coventry looked a good side when their pack were interpassing and driving but could not function as a unit outside the scrum, where the ball was slow through the hands and too many passes were mistimed.

These shortcomings were demonstrated immediately after the kick-off. Hickey drove, fed Savage and Hobley and Rowland linked skilfully. When the move faltered the ruck was won and Medford ran on the crash in the centre with the hint of an overlap outside him.

Waterloo's first try followed. Gallagher drove to the line, where fast possession was won and, with Tickle in the line, Gibbins scored. Carfoot successfully converted and later struck two penalties which accounted for Waterloo's 12-0 interval lead.

Coventry pulled back with a neat dropped goal by Lakey but a prolonged rolling maul by the home pack ended when Carfoot launched his backs and, after an ambitious move in the centre had created an overlap, Gibbins hared in for his second try. Carfoot converted.

The best move of the match was still to come. Wood missed a simple penalty for Coventry and a searing break by Greenhalgh ended in a wonderful pick-up by Gallagher on the half-volley, which would have made a try had the pass not been fractionally forward.

SCORERS: Waterloo: Tries: Gibbins (2). Conversion: Carfoot. Penalties: Carfoot (2). Coventry: Dropped goal: Lakey.
WATERLOO: J Tickle; I Gibbins, I Greenhalgh, D King, P Cooley; L Tarleton, D Carfoot; J McNally, R Bermuda, C Dew, P Cooper, C Crane, N Wilkinson, S Gallagher, P Dooley.
COVENTRY: M Wood; M Wisheart, L Jones, C Medford, L McKenzie; M Lakey, A Savage, S Wilkes, A Farrington, M Hobley, K Hickey, J Hyde, A Gulliver, P Rowland, R Travers.
Referee: G Rees (London).

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LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Basingstoke 42, Newbury 9, British Car Auctions Old Boys Merit Table: John Fisher Old Boys 66, Old Croydonians 0; Old Blues 20, Old Harleyburians 5; Old Paulines 11, Old Dunstonians 12; Old Tiffinians 10, KCS Old Boys 12.
Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Havant 52, Woodford 3.
Club matches: Alton 47, Trojans 7; Bancroft 11, Ilford Wanderers 6; Bettesanger 41, Cranbrook 6; Bognor 7, Eastleigh 6; Canterbury 21, Vigo 10; Cheshunt 18, Sudbury 14; Colchester 3, Norwich 8; Dartfordians 6, Chariton Park 34; Gravesend 9, Thurrock 7; Henley 4, Maidstone 19; Leighton Buzzard 34, Ampthill 10; Mid Hill 49, Hampstead 4; North Walsham 51, Bury St Edmunds 7; Old Reigatians 10, Guildford and Godalming 6; Old Wimbledonians 3, Sutton and Epsom 37; Portsmouth 15, Worthing 29; Redingensians 4, High Wycombe 24; Sidcup 52, Esher 14; Southend 15, Maidenhead 9; Staines 28, Wembley 6; Streatham/Croydon 20, St Mary's Hospital 6; Tonbridge 8, Warlingham 9; Welwyn 15, Tabard 12; West London Institute 72, Exeter University 6; Winchester 0, Bournemouth 31.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Alcester 4, Birmingham Welsh 32; Aylestone St James 0, Dronfield 13; Bedford Athletic 9, Stoneygate 6; Beaworth 6, Gloucester Old Boys 4; Biggleswade 4, Cambridge 10; Birmingham Civil Service 0, Bristol Telephones 16; Boots 12, Leesbrook 6; Bournville 10, Old Griffinians 11; Bridgnorth 0, Bromsgrove 16; Bridgwater and Albion 16, Wolverhampton 24; Buxton 10, Uttoxeter 15; Corby 12, Aylestonians 3; Daventry 17, Old Laurentians 21; Drybrook 4, Coventry Welsh 0; Five Ways 4, Nuneaton OE 12; Henbury 12, Clevedon 4; Lichfield 15, Loughborough Students 12; Long Buckby 25, Old Newtonians 13; Loughborough University 90, Old Northamptonians 6; Lutterworth 15, St Neots 12; Market Bosworth 10, GEC Coventry 4; Mellish 3, Barker's Butts 4; Moseley 12, Pewsey 3; Newbold 8, Masiock 3, Newcastle 24, Handsworth 6; North Kesteven 6, Boston 17; Nottinghamians 24, Belper 14; Old Aanbeans 17, Rugeley 12; Old Covenmians 3, Old Yardleians 21; Old Halesonians 7, Dixonians 22; Olney 12, Wellingborough 17; Old Moseleians 25, Pinley 13; Old Warwickians 4, Solihullians 0; Old Wheatleyans 13, Birmingham Medics 9; Peterborough 21, Aylesbury 6; Selby 12, Mansfield 12; Shipston 0, Pershore 14; Skegness 10, Keyworth 8; Southwell 44, Grimsby 4; Spalding 25, Kesteven 7; Spartans 11, Redditch 6; Stamford 6, Market Rasen 14; Stourbridge 27, Davenport 21; Sutton Coldfield 12, Derby 4; Trentham 10, Tyldesley 10; Veseyans 41, Southam 6; Walsall 31, New Brighton 9; Wednesbury 6, Ecclesall 0; West Bradford 12, Coalville 14; West Leicester 10, Manor Park 19; Westleigh 7, Tamworth 3; Weston 28, Kibworth 7; Woodrush 3, Kidderminster Carolians 3; Worcester 3, Camp Hill 10.
NORTH: Club matches: Barnsley 9, Bradford 6; Bridlington 7, Whitby 27; Birkenhead Park 11, Widnes 18; Blyth 12, Horden 6; Bradford and Bingley 34, West Park (St Helens) 6; Bramley 10, Doncaster 16; Castleford 13, York 20; Calder Vale 10, Aspull 4; Chester 15, Huddersfield 11; Darlington 4, Sunderland 15; De La Salle (Sheffield) 0, Leeds Corinthians 12; Driffield 32, Wheatley Hills 3; Gateshead Fell 12, Penrith 0; Goole 15, Knottingley 8; Guisborough 23, Richmondshire 0; Hallfax 7, Morley 8; Heaton Moor 54, Edwardian 6; Hensworth 40, Donnington 4; Hessle 0, Old Otliensians 10; Huddersfield YMCA 19, Glossop 6; Hull and ER Spartan 3, BP Chemicals 14; Hullensians 6, Old Modernians 10; Ilkley 6, Cleckheaton 16; Ionians 21, Darwin Phoenix 3; Leeds CSSA 9, Halifax Wanderers 12; Leigh 15, Sandal 22; Leodensians 16, Redcar 3; Lymm 14, Rochdale 9; Manchester University 10, Wigan 20; Marist 34, Horwich 8; Moortown 20, Rockcliff 15; Morpeth 6, Wigton 16; Mowden Park 50, Wallsend 3; Newcastle University 32, Percy Park 0; Northallerton 13, Middlesbrough Wasps 15; Northern 56, Hull and ER 0; North Ribblesdale 48, Baildon 0; Oldham 22, Eccles 3; Old Hymerians 0, Old Crossleyans 3; Old Rishworthians 15, Colne and Nelson 9; Ossett 28, Hope Valley 9; Pontefract 0, West Park Bramhope 12; Prestwich 3, Consett 3; Rotherham 34, Norwich 0; Rounchegians 33, Melton and Norton 3; Ryton 19, Seghill 0; Scarborough 0, Acklam 30; Scunthorpe 16, Old Brodsians 21; Sedgeley Park 10, Kersal 10; Selby 12, Mansfield 12; Sheffield 16, Harrogate 33; Skipton 4, Aerebronians 6; Southport 19, Warrington 11; Stockton 28, Pocklington 6; Thornensians 38, Beverley 14; Wath-on-Dearne 9, Yarnbury 25; West Leeds 21, Roundhay 0; Wessoe 18, Carlisle 6; Wetherby 7, Roditians 19; Wharfedale 14, Keighley 7; Widnes 25, Leeds YMCA 12; Wilmslow 10, Preston Grasshoppers 28; Workington Park 22, Tynedale 17; Yorkshire Civil Service 0, Wensleydale 3; Yorkshire Main 8, Ashwick-le-Street 9.
WEST: Cornwall Plate: Second round: Redruth GSOB 9, Helston 9. Club matches: Avonmouth 21, BAC 6; Avon and Somerset Police 7, Okehampton 16; Barnstaple 24, Penryn 7; Bristol Harlequins 18, Clevedon 22; Bristol Telephones 40, Birmingham CS 0; Cheddar 6, Midsomer Norton 18; Cleve 10, Gordon League 24; Clifton 9, UB Portsmouth 14; Dorchester 13, Exmouth 15; Falmouth 30, Old Dunstonians 10; Frampton Cotterell 21, Bath OE 6; Gordano 9, Yatton 13; High Wycombe XV 56, Chippenham 3; Imperial 7, Whitehall 18; Littlemore 58, Chipping Norton 0; Minehead 54, Morganians 6; North Bristol 8, St Mary's Old Boys 18; Old Passtons 14, Clifton Wanderers 16; Old Redcliffians 24, Bishopston 3; Paignton 26, North Petherton 16; Penzance-Newlyn 7, St Ives 21; Redruth 39, Hayle 9; St Brendan's Old Boys 28, Old Colfeminians 6; Sidmouth 20, Newton Abbott 0; South Molton 15, Crediton 10; Torquay Athletic 13, Stroud 14; Truro 15, Launceston 6; Wellington 3, Bideford 16; Wells 50, Chew Valley 5.
IRELAND: Ulster: Senior Clubs: Dungannon 10, Malone 32; CIYMS 30, Queen's University 10; Portadown 3, NIFC 23; Ards 44, Instonians 7. Leinster: Senior Club: Lansdowne 9, Shannon 11; Monkstown 12, Athlone 3; Bective Rangers 18, Blackrock College 18. Munster: Senior League: Old Crescent 21, Young Munster 18. Senior Club: Garryowen 12, Old Wesley 6; Bohemians 6, DLSP 24; Dolphin 19, Skerries 8; University College, Cork 0, Wanderers 17; Highfield 5, Clontarf 22. Connacht: Senior Club: Galwegians 0, Sunday's Well 6.
SCOTLAND: Club matches: Drumpellier 9, Cambuslang 3; Edinburgh Northern 3, North Berwick 19; Garnock 6, Irvine 13; Gordonians 38, Aberdeenshire 3; Hawick Harlequins 3, Peebles 8; Hillfoots 17, East Kilbride 6; Hyndland 3, Clydebank 36; Kilmarnock 9, Alnwick 13; Langholm 9, Kendal 19; Melrose 57, Haddington 6; Panmure 27, Dundee University 5; Perthshire 12, Madras College 0; Portobello FP 33, Greenock Wanderers 3; Preston Lodge 30, Leith Academicals 6; Rosyth and District 7, Broughton 6; Stewarty 40, Carrick 8; Strathmore 13, Stobswell 6; Trinity Academicals 18, Royal High 17.
SCHOOLS: Belmont Abbey 4, Malvern 15; Chichester HS 17, St John's 13; Chisleburst and Sidcup GS 13, Campion 7; Christ, Brecon 0, Colston's 3; Embley Park 50, Bembridge IOW 0; Guildford RGS 7, High Wycombe RGS 7; Judd 7, Wallington RS 10; Manchester GS 16, Lancaster RGS 6; Rydal 7, Wirral 18; Shrewsbury 28, Newcastle 9; St Benedict's, Ealing 15, Hampton 18; St Mary's, Sidcup 3, Kelvinside Academy 18; St Olave's 0, Eltham 24.
Yesterday
CLUB MATCHES: Blackheath 29, Rugby Norton 0; Mineahead 54, Morganians 6; Cleveborne 12, Redruth 15; Metropolitan Police 14, Saracens 18.

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Scudamore poised to establish record with Fontwell treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Peter Scudamore can land the three winners he requires to beat Jonjo O'Neill's record of 149 winners in a season at Fontwell today with Delkusha (2.0), Battalion (3.0) and Skinnhill (4.0).

With Olympic Times, Sayfar's Lad, Battalion and Nodform all standing their ground the listed Bet With The Tote Novices' Hurdle is by far the day's most interesting race.

Sayfar's Lad, who failed to win last season when he was with Richard Holder, himself a talented trainer, is yet another example of Martin Pipe's remarkable skill as he has not been beaten in four starts this season.

In this instance, though, I think both he and the highly-rated Nodform, who changed hands at public auction for 70,000 guineas last spring, will be outpaced by Battalion, who also went through the sale ring last year but for half as much.

Rather disappointingly at the time, Battalion, who had some useful form on the Flat when trained by John Dunlop, took a while to get the hang of hurdling, but now he has got his act together there should be no stopping him in this company.

He stays this trip and has a telling turn of speed, as he showed at Kempton last time when beating Olympic Times and Run High, who had won all their previous starts this season.

Run High did not let the form down at Lingfield last Thursday when failing by only 2½ lengths to give 21lb to Royal Astronaut with the third a further 20 lengths behind.

As for Olympic Times, he should not be capable of turning the tables on my nap on only a pound better terms.

Earlier in the day the army of Scudamore-Pipe admirers will be looking to Delkusha in the Pagham Selling Hurdle. Even when winning similar races she has not looked the easiest of rides, so who better to have on board than the champion jockey.

Skinnhill, my selection for the Chichester Handicap Hurdle, has already run sufficiently well both on this course and at Leicester, behind Five Lamps and The Papparazi respectively, to suggest he can give Tim Thomson Jones his second winner as a trainer in his first season, besides putting the finishing touches to Scudamore's day.

At Wolverhampton I will be looking to Yank Brown to win the Belvide Intermediate Chase for Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mark Dwyer, even though he has not raced for more than a year.

A damaged check ligament, injured when going in pursuit of Barnbrook Again and Prideaux Boy at Ascot, was the reason for that prolonged absence, but he is fit again now and importantly has shown he is capable of giving of his best first time out.

At the beginning of last season he was successful at Stratford before also winning at Ascot, and in that sort of form he should prove too good for even the dual course and distance winner Blueberry King.

As Fire Top looked somewhat fortunate to beat Indian Baba at Kempton last time out he should not be up to coping with the potentially very useful Don Valentino in the Stourbridge Four-Year-Old Hurdle.

Don Valentino goes unpenalized for winning at Plumpton a week ago because that race was worth insufficient to qualify for the extra weight.

That in itself is, perhaps, a rather sad reflection of the level of prize money on offer in National Hunt racing, especially when one considers what he cost in Ireland when he was bought by Jenny Pitman with a view to winning the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham next month.

National Hunt leaders

TRAINERS

M Pipe	130	43	25	1	+47.99
J Fitzgerald	47	31	18	0	+18.95
J Gifford	41	34	28	5	-84.99
G Richards	39	43	25	1	-77.28
Mrs J Pitman	39	19	22	0	+28.78
W Stephenson	38	48	41	1	-120.88
J Edwards	35	36	21	1	+89.02
D Elsworth	37	29	15	0	+6.14
M H Easterby	35	25	15	0	-21.25

JOCKEYS

P Scudamore	147	77	32	6	-22.08
M Dwyer	73	59	34	0	+5.24
R Dunwoody	82	67	52	4	-50.85
G McCourt	54	42	35	12	-32.80
S Sherwood	45	25	29	1	-34.54
B Powell	38	37	34	0	-147.46
P Hobbs	31	25	28	7	+12.80
H Davies	30	41	36	0	-115.56
P Niven	29	24	30	0	-25.95

Carlisle inspection

There will be an 8.30am inspection at Carlisle today to determine prospects for tomorrow's meeting. An inch of rain fell at the course over the weekend.



Desert Orchid (Simon Sherwood, right) jumps the last with Pegwell Bay (Carl Llewellyn) on the way to victory at Sandown

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 I Haventalight. 2.00 Delkusha. 2.30 Air Broker. 3.00 BATTALION (nap). 3.30 Robeson. 4.00 Skinnhill.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 BATTALION (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft

1.30 CLIMPING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (£1,506: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 400P15 WINGETTS 48 (C,D,F,G,S) (T Duke) Miss L Bower 13-11-1 .... — 80
2 0P0U-P0 BOYNE SALMON 10 (C,B,S) (T Duke) Miss L Bower 9-10-8 .... M Bellisario (4) —
3 P5PP/P BROKEN TACKLE 16 (G Meadows) J Gifford 7-10-8 .... G Rowe (7) —
4 FF45/0P CHARCOAL WALLY 10 (D,F,G) (J Murnell) R Hodges 10-10-8 .... W Irvine —
5 23565-P DRUMGONNELLY 13 (B) (G Pike) P Bowden 8-10-8 .... G Morgan —
6 4/5-0352 I HAVENTALIGHT 4 (D,F,G,S) (Toraflex Limited) C Brooks 10-10-8 .... R Teague ● 88
7 420040- ISAAC NEWTON 247 (F) (N Clark) N Henderson 11-10-8 .... J Railton —
8 3F2PUU KUWAIT STAR 10 (Mrs N De Savary) N Thomson 6-10-8 .... S Pierridge (4) —
9 022-F53 WOOD SINGER 49 (G) (Bellbrae Developments) J Gifford 10-10-8 .... T Pitfield 82

BETTING: 5-4 I Haventalight, 7-2 Wood Singer, 6-1 Isaac Newton 8-1 Wingetts, 10-1 Charcoal Wally, 12-1 Broken Tackle, 16-1 others.

1988: MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM WINGETTS won a moderate seller at here in December; latest 6th beaten 18l by his stable companion Autumn Zulu (gave 18lb) at Folkestone (2m 4f). BOYNE SALMON ran well recently over hurdles and will appreciate the return to fences. Has shown some form in novice chases and could spring a surprise.
BROKEN TACKLE's only worthwhile form was in point-to-points three season's ago; latest was hampered when losing touch in novice chase won by Heyfleet at Warwick (2m 4f). From a top stable and his astute trainer would not persevere with him if he did not have some ability. CHARCOAL WALLY, a very useful performer in the past, has failed to show his ability for very a long time; latest pulled up before the last when behind in 2m h'cap won by Pukka Major; earlier 7th beaten a long way by Pantechnicon (rec 27lb) 2m Ascot.
I HAVENTALIGHT has run well in better company this season; makes a quick return after finishing 2nd beaten 4l by Rarey Sark (rec 14lb) in 3-runner h'cap chase at Towcester (2m 5f). Has the class to win this. ISAAC NEWTON showed all his form over hurdles last season. He is temperamental customer. WOOD SINGER performed well when 3rd beaten over 7l by Polyfemus (levels) at Towcester (2m 5f). Can make the frame.
Selection: I HAVENTALIGHT

2.0 PAGHAM SELLING HURDLE (£1,072: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

1 P6 BASIC TRUTH 11 (P Axon) R Hodges 10-12 .... W Irvine (4) —
2 PP FAILSAFE 32 (C Cyzer) C Cyzer 10-12 .... M Hoad (7) —
3 P6 FINAL TOP 38 (W Wood) H Willis 10-12 .... J Leech (7) —
4 0000 JADE STAR 18 (Mrs J Leighton) A Leighton 10-12 .... C Smith —
5 203400 PINEY POINT 9 (Mrs L Ripley) G Ripley 10-12 .... G Moore —
6 PP POWER REIGNS 89 (V) (Mrs K Baldry) P Butler 10-12 .... S McKeever (7) —
7 5596 ROUGH CUT 20 (B) (P Clarke) R Juckes 10-12 .... A Juckes (7) 81
8 0P0 TWO TOTAL 21 (P Cheddo) S Dow 10-12 .... R Guest —
9 145P CHASMARELLA 37 (CD,G) (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 10-7 .... R Goldstein ● 95
10 101 DELKUSHA 39 (G,S) (Miss L Campbell) M Pipe 10-7 .... P Scudamore 95
11 065P OBAS GIRL 101 (Orthopaedic Bedding Advisory Service) P Bowden 10-7 .... R Dennis —

BETTING: 4-6 Delkusha, 4-1 Piney Point, 5-1 Rough Cut, 10-1 Basic Truth, 12-1 Chasmarella, 16-1 others.

FORM BASIC TRUTH was well behind in 9th to Le Cygne (rec 1lb) at Taunton (2m 1f claimer). JADE STAR ran a fair race in better company when 10th to Directly (gave 20lb) at Warwick (2m h'cap). This is a big drop in class today.
PINEY POINT has shown some form in moderate selling events; latest 8th beaten over 50l by Rover (gave 7lb) at Folkestone (2m h'cap). ROUGH CUT ran a fair race when 6th beaten 22½l by Mineral Dust (gave 14lb) in god novice event (2m 4f) at Worcester. CHASMARELLA, won a seller here in October, was behind when pulled up before the last in similar event won by Cayman Queen; earlier 5th beaten 12l by Ex-Port (gave 7lb) better company (2m). DELKUSHA won a seller very easily by 7l from Bold Vintage (levels) at Taunton (2m 1f). She will be hard to beat.
Selection: DELKUSHA

2.30 BOGNOR REGIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,280: 2m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 00/-P2P2 HERBERT UNITED 9 (D,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 10-11-10 .... R Guest ● 99
2 UPF-P6P TULLAMARINE 100 (S) (P Burfield) M Castell 12-11-9 .... T Pitfield (4) —
3 PP64P2 GREEN MARBLE 11 (R Peach) N Mitchell 7-10-11 .... Mr G Upton (4) 89
4 F20352 VINCANTO 35 (G) (Mrs C Clatworthy) J Gifford 7-10-4 .... R Rowe 90
5 F0-5544 AIR BROKER 10 (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 8-10-0 .... A Webb 86
6 P-P0P05 HAWTHORN JACKS 9 (M Johnston) G Ripley 5-10-0 .... G Moore —
7 536040 O K SON 19 (R Jeffries) M Bolton 10-10-0 .... Mrs J Gault —

Long handicap: Air Broker 9-13, Hawthorn Jacks 9-1, O K Son 9-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Herbert United, 3-1 Green Marble, 4-1 Air Broker, 6-1 Vincanto, 10-1 Tullamarine, 20-1 others.

FORM HERBERT UNITED failed to find much when beaten 3l by Hettinger (levels) at Folkestone. He may find this shorter trip to his advantage. GREEN MARBLE showed improved form when beaten 5l by The A Train (gave 14lb) in 2m novice at Warwick.
VINCANTO was caught close home when beaten 1l by Walrpool (rec 2lb) in moderate 2m nov h'cap. AIR BROKER has been running in novice events; latest shaped well when 4th beaten 12¾l by Royal Gurka (gave 3lb) at Wincanton (2m 5f).
O K SON is moderate and showed best form when 4th in a selling chase when 4th beaten 26½l by Coal Grey (gave 1lb) at Newton Abbot (2m).
Selection: HERBERT UNITED

3.0 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £4,386: 2m 2f) (5 runners)

1 00-1112 OLYMPIC TIMES 17 (F,G,S) (Running Horse Ltd) R Akehurst 7-11-8 .... D Browne 93
2 20-1111 SAYFAR'S LAD 42 (G) (A Whiting) M Pipe 5-11-8 .... J Lower 95
3 64111 BATTALION 17 (G,S) (R Dormer) C Brooks 5-11-3 .... P Scudamore ● 98
4 06-3404 CYTHERE 40 (K Carr) J Gifford 5-11-3 .... E Murphy 83
5 11-1422 NODFORM 30 (F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 5-11-3 .... R Rowe 94

BETTING: 10-11 Battalion, 7-4 Nodform, 6-1 Sayfar's Lad, 8-1 Olympic Times, 25-1 Cythere.

FORM OLYMPIC TIMES failed by 6l to catch very easy winner BATTALION (rec 6lb) at Kempton (2m). At the weights BATTALION can again confirm the form. SAYFAR'S LAD has been winning easily in moderate company; latest beat Remittance Man (rec 10lb) at Newton Abbot (2m).
CYTHERE 4th beaten 13l by Run High (levels) at Folkestone (2m). Has a lot of improvement to find. NODFORM never looked likely to trouble Wishlon (gave 7lb) when beaten 7l at Sandown (2m); earlier beaten 2l by Greenhills Joy (rec 11lb) at Sandown (2m).
Selection: NODFORM

3.30 SELSEY NOVICES CHASE (£1,475: 3m 2f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 6-PF214 ERICA SUPERBA 11 (S) (I Buchan) P Bailey 9-11-3 .... Mr E Bailey (7) 95
2 P6P-0P6 ALEDAN 9 (B Daley) G Ripley 9-11-2 .... G Moore —
3 4F-R045 CAVARD 17 (R Starkie) G Ham 9-11-2 .... B Powell 77
4 PP COMBINED OPS 11 (Miss J Lane) H Wills 10-11-2 .... J Leech (7) —
5 P00-0G2 DERROWN 48 (Miss N Berry) Miss N Berry 9-11-2 .... Mr T Grantham 73
6 000/03F FIRST INSIGHT 9 (Insight Cartons Ltd) N Gaselee 9-11-2 .... K Mooney 89
7 22-353F MARTIAL COMMANDER 18 (S) (G Enright) G Enright 9-11-2 .... M Perrett 84
8 424-530 NEWLAR 9 (B,G,S) (S Tindall) S Mellor 10-11-2 .... G Charles-Jones 86
9 05053 ROBESON 40 (R Bowes) J Gifford 8-11-2 .... R Rowe ● 99
10 0316/32 TENNFORES 11 (S) (Mrs E Vestey) N Henderson 8-11-2 .... J Osborne 98
11 3-44023 RALEIGH GAZELLE 9 (R Newson) W G M Turner 7-10-11 .... R Goldstein 89

BETTING: 2-1 Tennfores, 4-1 Raleigh Gazelle, Robeson, 6-1 Erica Superba, 8-1 First Insight, 10-1 Martial Commander, 12-1 Newlar, Robeson, 16-1 others.

FORM ERICA SUPERBA won a moderate event by 2½l from Dancers Cavalry (gave 5lb) at Market Rasen (3m); latest 4th beaten 7½l by Zucko (gave 5lb) with TENNFORES (gave 5lb) 2nd beaten 4l at Huntingdon (3m). She is very one-paced. CAVARD showed temperament in Ireland when running out at the last when clear in a novice chase; latest 5th beaten 13l by Leagune (gave 9lb) at Towcester (3m 190yd). He clearly has ability.
DERROWN could not get on terms with Pelion (levels) when 2nd beaten 20l at Folkestone (3m 2f).
FIRST INSIGHT fell 9th when in 6th place with 12 more to jump; earlier 3rd beaten 16l by the useful Juven Light (levels) at Lingfield (3m).
MARTIAL COMMANDER fell 2nd; earlier 3rd beaten 13l by John O'Dea (rec 5lb) at Folkestone (3m 2f). NEWLAR 7th beaten 55l by Kodak Island (levels) with RALEIGH GAZELLE (rec 9lb) 3rd beaten 14l at Folkestone (3m 2f).
ROBESON ran fair race on chasing debut when 3rd beaten 7l by Celtic Flame (levels) at Folkestone (2m 4f).
Selection: ROBESON

4.0 CHICHESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,250: 2m 2f) (18 runners)

1 6-04453 SPACIAL 7 (S) (Col J Ward) N Gaselee 5-11-10 .... B Powell 89
2 15-6023 SKINNHILL 14 (B,S) (Mrs T Binnington) T Thomson Jones 5-11-7 .... P Scudamore 91
3 P6-0050 FALLING SHADOW 19 (B,S) (Miss A Healy) A Ingham 5-11-5 .... R Arnott 89
4 4U0513 FORCELLO 5 (G,S) (BTR & B Plc) G Balding 8-11-1 .... S Foster (7) 85
5 022-U30 MALAMAIN 19 (CD,BF,S) (N Norton) R Akehurst 5-11-0 .... M Perrett 98
6 204686 TAFFY JONES 10 (F,S) (M McCormack) M McCormack 10-10-9 .... Peter Hobbs ● 99
7 55250-6 OWEN'S PRIDE 41 (S) (C Gapper) N Mitchell 7-10-9 .... N Coleman 97
8 FP-520P NOBLE EYRE 63 (S) (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 8-10-7 .... D Gallagher 90
9 041592 FLAMING PEARL 10 (F,G,S) (R Oldroyd) B Stevens 8-10-6 .... R Goldstein 88
10 F434P6 JOLLIENNE 30 (Adley Homes Ltd) S Woodman 5-10-6 .... J Osborne 89
11 0FP/99- CUT'N DRY 445 (F,S) (Orthopaedic Bedding) P Bowden 9-10-5 .... R Dennis —
12 100-4U9 CORBALLY NESS 45 (S) (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 9-10-4 .... M Bellisario (7) —
13 0-60553 THORNFIELD 9 (Thornfield Securities Limited) R Akehurst 5-10-3 .... I Shoemark (4) 96
14 042-560 MISS ME NOT 7 (CD,F) (B Wise) B Wise 7-10-3 .... M Furlong 92
15 103-000 THIRTY ACRE 21 (B,S) (J Sly) W Kemp 7-10-2 .... S McKeever (7) 88
16 050-425 FORTOLD 21 (D,F,S) (G Wareham) G Wareham 11-10-0 .... E McKinley 91
17 PP00P COLDHARBOUR LAD 16 (S) (E Beever) E Beever 8-10-0 .... E Murphy —
18 406000 MAC'S MATE 26 (S Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 7-10-0 .... R Rowe 77

Long handicap: Fortold 9-11, Coldharbour Lad 9-9, Mac's Mate 9-3.

BETTING: 7-2 Forcello, 9-2 Thornfield, 5-1 Skinnhill, 6-1 Malamain, 7-1 Spacial, 8-1 Jollienne, 10-1 Fortold, 12-1 Flaming Pearl, 16-1 others.

FORM SPACIAL, has been hit by the handicapper, 3rd beaten 7l by Gifted Nephew (rec 13lb) at Plumpton (2m 4f).
SKINNHILL lacked a turn of foot when 3rd beaten 7l by The Papparazi (gave 6lb) at Leicester (2m 4f); earlier ran better over shorter trip when 2nd beaten 4l by Five Lamps (rec 4lb) with FORTOLD (rec 10lb) 5th beaten 13l here (2m 2f).
FORCELLO 3rd beaten 9l by Calcius (gave 7lb) at Leicester (2m claimer). MALAMAIN, a winner here last season, was a well-backed favourite when 8th beaten 22l by Operatic Score (rec 2lb) with SPACIAL (gave 11lb) 5th at Windsor (2m); earlier 3rd beaten 14l by Arastou (rec 4lb) with FORTOLD (rec 8lb) 2nd beaten 6l here (2m 2f).
TAFFY JONES has been running unsuccessfully over fences; latest returned to hurdles when 6th beaten 16¾l by Sky Cat (gave 4lb) at Doncaster (2m 4f).
Selection: SKINNHILL

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	23	63	36.5
J Gifford	40	169	23.7
S Mellor	4	17	23.5
R Akehurst	10	43	23.3
P Bailey	3	18	16.7
N Henderson	5	32	15.6

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Lower	6	11	54.5
G Charles-Jones	3	8	37.5
P Scudamore	14	61	23.0
E Murphy	13	70	18.6
R Rowe	30	170	17.6
B Powell	6	49	12.2

Little danger to Grand National

A report which could put the Grand National in jeopardy is thought highly unlikely to succeed when the European Parliament votes this week (Michael Dynes writes).

The recommendations, drawn up by Gerhard Schmid, a West German MEP, call for the abolition of sports involving cruelty to animals. It is concerned primarily with foxhunting, hare coursing and bullfighting, but embraces any sport which has animal fatalities.

However, any recommendation to the Commission would have to be approved unanimously by the 12 member states, and the parliament has no power on its own to introduce new legislation.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Up The Ladder. 2.15 Yank Brown. 2.45 Corn Merchant. 3.15 The Black Sack. 3.45 Don Valentino. 4.15 Frozen Minstrel.

By Michael Seely

2.45 Corn Merchant. 4.15 Frozen Minstrel.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 CORN MERCHANT.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft - soft in places (hurdles)

1.45 BECKBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,044: 2m) (6 runners)

1 065004 HIGH ALOFT 4 (B) (Mallcom Plc) T Casey 5-12-0 .... R Dunwoody ● 99
2 664021 UP THE LADDER 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 5-11-8 .... A Carroll 97
3 30 RING ME BACK 94 (D McCain) D McCain 4-11-4 .... Mr D McCain (7) —
4 200-244 ON HER TOES 21 (BF,S) (Mrs J Mulgrew) R Frost 5-10-12 .... J Frost 98
5 08564 STORM WARRIOR 6 (Mrs J Gill) B Preece 4-10-10 .... Gary Lyons (7) 82
6 P-60P63 IRON GLORY 25 (C Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-10-10 .... M Bosley 94

BETTING: 5-2 Up The Ladder, 11-4 On Her Toes, 5-1 High Aloft, 8-1 Storm Warrior, 13-2 Iron Glory, 12-1 Ring Me Back.

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2.15 BELVIDE INTERMEDIATE CHASE (£1,917: 2m) (4 runners)

1 0/1213- YANK BROWN 444 (D,F,G,S) (C Longstaff) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-6 .... M Dwyer 92
2 5-U1012 BLUEBERRY KING 37 (CD,F,G) (R Gilder) A Turnell 8-11-1 .... G McCourt ● 99
3 114123 DIAMOND DIGGER 86 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs V Tory) D Nicholson 7-11-1 .... R Dunwoody 98
4 82-0F00 THE BIG WHEEL 5 (B) (Mrs H Richards) K White 8-10-12 .... A O'Hagan —

BETTING: 6-4 Blueberry King, 7-4 Diamond Digger, 9-4 Yank Brown, 20-1 The Big Wheel.

2.45 BURNHILL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,935: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 233-31P BRIGHT MORNING 28 (G,S) (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 11-11-10 .... B Millman 91
2 132522 CORN MERCHANT 21 (F) (Mrs L Osborne) R Frost 8-11-10 .... J Frost ● 99
3 23332F GOLDEN DELICIOUS 9 (F,G) (J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 9-11-7 .... R Dunwoody 88
4 P04/FP-8 ABBA LAD 77 (G) (Abba Double Glazing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 .... M Bowlby 90
5 4P0255 COVENT GARDEN 17 (B,CO,G,S) (Miss S Parton) W Clay 11-11-1 .... R Bevan (7) 84
6 321020 PELION 9 (G,S) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 9-10-11 .... D Tegg 90
7 55-0P08 MEISTER 12 (D,G,S) (W Butt) J Old 9-10-8 .... S McNeill 85

BETTING: 3-1 Corn Merchant, 7-2 Golden Delicious, 4-1 Bright Morning, 6-1 Covent Garden, 10-1 Pelion, Abba Lad, 12-1 Meister.

3.15 BROMSGROVE NOVICES CHASE (£2,446: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 66-1313 WONDER BEE 39 (F,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 6-11-3 .... P Holley (4) 94
2 0P-6 ARTIC TREASURE 3 (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 7-10-12 .... P Dever —
3 03/33- CHERKY KING 2 (M Barrow) D Williams 7-10-12 .... — —
4 4533-25 DICTALINO 16 (B) (Mrs P Fout) C Brooks 8-10-12 .... B de Haan ● 99
5 0-54233 DOUBLE CALIBRE 28 (S) (B Robinson) J Spearing 6-10-12 .... G McCourt 85
6 FU68P4 ELITE BOY 12 (Mrs C Black) M Oliver 7-10-12 .... J Duggan —
7 80-4334 GLEBE SPINNEY 17 (B) (R Micklethwait) J Wharton 7-10-12 .... S J O'Neill —
8 05-P414 LOCKWOOD PRINCE 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 6-10-12 .... J Frost —
9 PFP453 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 18 (B) (Mrs J Dibben) J Old 7-10-12 .... S McNeill 78
10 4PP6PF MASTER ATTORNEY 28 (B) (J Halewood) D McCain 7-10-12 .... Mr D McCain (7) —
11 602/P SCALISCRO 18 (J Mackenzie) N Henderson 8-10-12 .... J White —
12 303223 SHOTINGO 28 (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 9-10-12 .... S Hobson (7) 79
13 542432 SHOULD NEVER BE 14 (D,F,G) (P Woodford) J Jenkins 8-10-12 .... R Dunwoody 87
14 54012/2 THE BLACK SACK 14 (F,G,S) (North East Paper Co Ltd) C Essey 9-10-12 .... R Marley 84
15 0P/F-0P VAL'S JEM 84 (J Salter) L Codd 7-10-7 .... M Richards —

BETTING: 11-4 The Black Sack, 3-1 Wonder Bee, 7-2 Lockwood Prince, 9-2 Should Never Be, 8-1 Double Calibre, 10-1 others.

3.45 STOURBRIDGE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,679: 2m) (8 runners)

1 51 FIRE TOP 17 (D,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 10-13 .... Dale McKeown 91
2 221 DON VALENTINO 7 (D,S) (A Nadir) Mrs J Pitman 10-10 .... M Pitman ● 99
3 4001 RUSTIC COMEDY 13 (D,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 10-10 .... P Holley (4) 87
4 PP0P SELF RAISING 12 (D Davies) B Preece 10-10 .... S J O'Neill —
5 F0 SHINING ART 13 (Champ Chicken Co Ltd) D McCain 10-10 .... C Llewellyn —
6 0 SURE WILL 38 (J Hitchin) C Allen 10-10 .... J McLaughlin 77
7 VALLEY OF DANUATA 208F (Mrs M Cooper) F Jordan 10-10 .... — —
8 0 SALINE 19 (W Sisker) B Preece 10-5 .... T Wall —

BETTING: 5-4 Don Valentino, 4-1 Fire Top, 9-2 Rustic Comedy, 7-1 Valley Of Danuata, 10-1 Sure Will, 25-1 Self Raising, Shining Art, 33-1 Saline.

4.15 BISHOP'S WOOD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,088: 2m) (17 runners)

1 40-141 FROZEN MINSTREL 11 (D,S) (J Crisp) J Scargill 5-11-2 .... C Llewellyn ● 99
2 00P-P00 GOLDFIELDS 23 (W Morris) Mrs T Cuthbert 5-10-10 .... NON-RUNNER —
3 0 HAWKES DALE 17 (C Sanderson) J Wharton 5-10-10 .... S J O'Neill —
4 62-55 JEASSU 12 (Mrs R Miles) A J Wilson 6-10-10 .... S Cowley 80
5 1400-PP KELLYS AND COHENS 63 (F) (K C Diesels Ltd) W Clay 9-10-10 .... Diane Clay (4) —
6 68F LOGANBANK 31 (T Newell) M Robinson 6-10-10 .... J Duggan —
7 3- LORD TAURO 487 (C Castle) D Eddy 6-10-10 .... M Dwyer —
8 506- MASTER RAJH 306 (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 5-10-10 .... W Humphreys (4) 86
9 0 NAE BOTHER 40 (W Wharton) J Wharton 5-10-10 .... P Harte (4) —
10 NOBLE BID 220F (M Ponton) Miss S Wilton 5-10-10 .... S Smith Eccles —
11 6-65 PRINCE MERANDI 13 (Merandi Bloodstock Ltd) M Francis 6-10-10 .... M Richards 82
12 0 REMO'S QUEST 40 (A Rumsey) A Rumsey 8-10-10 .... Mr G Hanmer —
13 SOLDIERS DUTY 119F (Mrs J Mackie) J Mackie 5-10-10 .... D Shaw —
14 50P-F02 TIMOLIVER 19 (B Preece) B Preece 8-10-10 .... Mr S Dickin 82
15 80 YOUNG MUZZY 19 (T Roberts-Hindle) L Codd 6-10-10 .... B de Haan —
16 060 MOLLY PARTRIDGE 13 (G A Farndon Eng. Co Ltd) R Whitaker 6-10-5 .... R Beggan —
17 0PP0- PANIC 272 (Mrs H Mobley) Mrs H Mobley 6-10-5 .... J Duggan —

BETTING: 4-6 Frozen Minstrel, 7-2 Lord Tauro, 8-1 Prince Merandi, Jeassu, 16-1 Kellys And Cohens, 25-1 Molly Partridge, 33-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Robinson	3	5	60.0
A Turnell	4	8	50.0
T Casey	7	25	28.0
Mrs J Pitman	11	52	20.2
N Henderson	7	36	19.4
D Wintle	3	17	17.6

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J White	5	22	22.7
M Dwyer	3	14	21.4
B de Haan	8	44	18.2
M Bowlby	3	16	16.7
J Frost	3	23	13.0
W Humphreys	3	28	10.7

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Provide success ends long drought

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

Provide has had a lean time since winning a point-to-point in Ireland four years ago, so it was no surprise when he started at 25-1 in the second division of the open race at the Staff College and RMA Sandhurst meeting at Tweseldown on Saturday.

But, always up with the pace, he led from Yankee Doodle at the last open ditch and established, for Simon Claisse, a 10-length lead which he maintained to the line.

This surprise immediately followed another 25-1 winner in the adjacent hunts' race, Chance Buy, owned by Colin Nash, the Wantage permit holder. Ridden by Tim Mitchell, Chance Buy was having his first run in a point-to-point and came home 1½ lengths clear of the former Oliver Sherwood-trained Fudge Delight.

Backers of Paddy's Peril, the odds-on favourite in the first division of the open, were on the point of tearing up their tickets when, with two to jump, he made a forward move under John Deutsch. At the last he was still 10 lengths down on Nearly Handy but rallied close home to win by half a length.

Both maiden races at the North Norfolk were won by Nigel Bloom, who opted to hug inside rail on each occasion. His first winner, Nerak Senga, was a difficult ride last season, falling four times from five outings, but on Saturday he jumped well and was a distance clear of Alcoholic Haze at the post.

Darrington Deal, on whom he followed up, was a gift from Conrad Lockey, master of the Dunston, for his wife, Beryl. He had bought him the day before from the Blooms and the first his wife knew of it was when she saw him in her colours in the paddock.

Michael Bloom saddled the first three winners when Fiddawn Hill, under Tim Papworth, won the opener from Prominent Artist. However, his son, Nigel, was denied a treble when Annadine was beaten by Midsummer Gladness to give Tim Moore, last year's East Anglian champion, the first leg of a double in the Audi qualifier. It was completed on Castle Farm, who showed much improved form on last season, when winning the PPOA race.

In the open, Rhusted ran well on his eagerly-awaited return to racing when second to the Tim Bryce-ridden Golden Hornet, running for the first time in East Anglia in the colours of his new owner, Andrew Reid.

NORTH NORFOLK (Higham): Hunt: 1, Fiddawn Hill (T Papworth); 2, Prominent Artist; 3, Oxnead. 4 ran. Mdn I: 1, Nerak Senga (N Bloom); 2, Alcoholic Haze; 3, Mr Snodgrass. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Darrington Deal (N Bloom); 2, Secret Rebel; 3, Red Poucher. 10 ran. Open: 1, Golden Hornet (T Bryce); 2, Rhusted; 3, Dillons Pride. 18 ran. Audi adj: 1, Midsummer Gladness (T Moore); 2, Annadine; 3, Fort Hall. 14 ran. Ladies': 1, Noan Wood (Miss P Claydon); 2, Hit Me Again; 3, Can't Reach Me. 9 ran. PPOA: 1, Castle Farm (T Moore); 2, Riot Artist; 3, Nearly Nightfall. 20 ran.

STAFF COLLEGE & RMA SANDHURST (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Deep Cross (S Humphreys); 2, Astral Spirit; 3, Young Lover. 10 ran. Open I: 1, Paddy's Peril (J Deutsch); 2, Nearly Handy; 3, Fredwel. 15 ran. Adj: 1, Chance Buy (T Mitchell); 2, Fudge Delight; 3, Quarryman. 15 ran. Open II: 1, Provide (S Claisse); 2, Namocs; 3, Celtic Capn. 15 ran. Mdn: 1, The Grey Gunner (M Felton); 2, Rowdon Ruler; 3, Jerry's Wish. 13 ran. Army: 1, Desert Fox (R Russell); 2, Trumpton; 3, Howareyougoing. 6 ran.

Burridge weighs festival options for Desert Orchid

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Desert Orchid may now miss Wincanton and go straight to the Cheltenham festival for either the Gold Cup or the Queen Mother Two-Mile Champion Chase.

"I thought he looked a bit tired on Saturday," said Richard Burridge, one of the flying grey's joint owners, yesterday. "It wouldn't do him any harm to miss the Jim Ford this year."

Once again the extraordinary degree to which the fans have taken Desert Orchid to their hearts was demonstrated when three cheers were called for as Simon Sherwood and the 6-5 favourite returned to the winner's enclosure after beating Carl Llewellyn and Pegwell Bay by threequarters of a length in the Racecall Gainsborough Chase at Sandown Park on Saturday.

Yesterday Jimmy Fitzgerald hit the nail on the head when he said: "Part of the pleasure of watching Desert Orchid is how Simon Sherwood rides him. He's a marvellous jockey and they get it just right."

Tim Forster, the trainer of the runner-up, commented: "On any other course, against any other horse, we would have won. But like Diamond Edge and Special Cargo before him, Desert Orchid is one of those amazing animals who can sprint up the Sandown hill. On form, we shouldn't go for the Gold Cup, but I think we will."

Kildimo, perhaps frightened by his fall at the previous Sandown meeting, ran below his best in finishing third, beaten a further two lengths in receipt of 15lb from his old rival. But David Nicholson said Charter Party, despite being 25 lengths behind Kildimo, would attempt to repeat his 1988 Gold Cup triumph. "Perhaps the ground was a bit too fast. There's no point in giving up now."

The pressure is now building up on Burridge as a decision about the Gold Cup is eagerly awaited. "Of course we must wait until David Elsworth gets back from Australia," said Chris Hill, the trainer's secretary, yesterday. "But the horse is better than ever."

However, the owner is sticking to his guns. "The probability is that we'll run if the going isn't too heavy. If it is bad ground, the Gold Cup is often a killer race. It may be the Blue Riband of chasing, but Desert Orchid doesn't know that."

Perhaps not, but the record books and Desert Orchid's many admirers are now demanding that their hero be allowed to prove his point in the only race that matters as far as implacable history is concerned.

After Mark Dwyer had ridden a perfectly-judged race on Special Vintage to land the £30,000 Tote Jackpot Hurdle, the stewards held an inquiry. But as Jimmy Fitzgerald was at Stratford it has been postponed to a later date for the trainer to explain why Special Vintage showed improved form compared with his previous running when only third at Warwick.

"It was terrible ground at Warwick," said the trainer yesterday. "If I'd been there myself I'd probably have taken him out. People have short memories. Don't forget he finished second to Celtic Chief at Newbury last season."

Fitzgerald also reported that Danish Flight, last season's Arkle Trophy winner, has had to be put down. "We sent him down to the Equine Research Station at Newmarket," he said, "he had an infected tendon sheath."

At Sandown, Sherwood completed a double when riding Aldino to a decisive victory over Yaheeb in the Oteley Hurdle. This was the winner's first success since Liverpool two seasons ago. "He hasn't grown much since his four-year-old days," said Oliver Sherwood, "and it's been difficult to find a suitable race for him."

Once again Chatam disappointed in finishing last. "He tried to run out at the bend into the straight," said Peter Scudamore, "I'm afraid he's just very disappointing."

The feast of good racing continues at Ascot on Wednesday and Newbury at the weekend. Slalom is likely to have his Cheltenham trial in the Old Road Securities Reynoldstown Novices' Chase at Ascot, and both Ballyhane and Proud Pilgrim are intended runners for the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase.

On Saturday, Vicario Di Bray will start a short-priced favourite for the Tote Gold Trophy after his defeat of Celtic Shot at Haydock. However, no one should take the 2-1 for the time being about Peter Hopkins' Champion Hurdle hope as trainer Jonjo O'Neill will not risk him unless rain comes to ease the going.

● Restrained, trained by William Hastings-Bass, was 2½ lengths fourth to High Light in the Prix Firouzan at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday.

Kingsmill back to form

Kingsmill, a beaten favourite in The Ladbroke last month, turned the form book upside down with a 10-length win over Cloughtaney in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Tommy Stack's charge had been rated 30lb inferior to Cloughtaney for The Ladbroke, yet met him here on level terms.

However, Kingsmill, ridden by Declan Murphy, joined Cloughtaney between the final two flights beat him for speed. "I'm glad he's not in the Champion Hurdle," said Stack. "If he had been, I would have felt obliged to send him although I know that he is still an immature horse." Kingsmill will instead contest the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle.

Elementary, the 7-4 favourite, did not jump well and was always under pressure. He was three lengths third and only a neck in front of the four-year-old Kiichi. Dermot Weld reported that Kiichi would run at Punchestown later this month and he would defer a Triumph Hurdle decision until then.

Francis Flood saddled his fourth winner of the Arkle Trophy with Abbenoir, who scored by three lengths from Feroda. Abbenoir has not been entered at Cheltenham and will go to Liverpool for the Perrier Jouet Novices' Chase.

Saturday's results

Sandown Park

1.30 1, The Bakewell Boy (6-1); 2, Southernair (13-8); 3, Majestic Ring (25-1). Bruton Street Evens fav. 4 ran.
2.5 1, Special Vintage (20-1); 2, Ryde Again (12-1); 3, Catteda (4-1 jt-fav). Lyphento 4-1 jt-fav. 15 ran.
2.35 1, Desert Orchid (6-5 fav); 2, Pegwell Bay (4-1); 3, Kildimo (2-1). 4 ran.
3.5 1, Aldino (4-1); 2, Yaheeb (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Chesham Squire (8-1). Chatam 9-4 jt-fav. 6 ran.
3.35 1, Royal Stag (5-4 fav); 2, Long Engagement (3-1); 3, Warner For Leisure (11-2). 4 ran.
4.10 1, Alekhine (M Pitman, 8-11 fav); 2, Rivermead (6-1); 3, Knight Oil (100-30). 11 ran.
4.0 1, Whats What (5-6 fav); 2, Durham Edition (7-4); 3, Jody's Boy (5-1). 3 ran.
4.35 1, Super Trucker (11-1); 2, South Cross (11-2); 3, Roman Moor (25-1); 4, African Spirit (25-1). Gurtean Boy 7-2 fav. 19 ran.

Wetherby

2.0 1, Blakes Son (40-85 fav); 2, Lynemore (16-1); 3, Gunner's Hill (8-1). 20 ran. NR: Severs, Wheeswash.
2.30 1, Withy Bank (2-1; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Masnoon (11-8 fav); 3, Broad Street (33-1). 11 ran.
3.0 1, Mystic Music (2-1 fav); 2, Night Sate (12-1); 3, Paddy Murphy (6-1). 21 ran.
3.30 1, Snowfire Chap (6-1); 2, Silly Beggar (66-1); 3, Darkorjon (20-1). Blazing Walker 11-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Bollin Palace.

Stratford

1.45 1, Stone Madness (3-1); 2, Ramrod (13-8 fav); 3, Kenny Cook (7-4). 5 ran.
2.15 1, Gold Options (5-2 fav); 2, King Of The Lot (5-1); 3, Meningi (12-1). 18 ran.
2.45 1, The Leggett (11-2); 2, Goodman Point (100-30); 3, Rubika (9-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Beamwam.
3.15 1, Macnab's Quest (7-1); 2, Sidbury Hill (33-1); 3, Faba (16-1). Phil Grey 13-8 fav. 13 ran.
3.45 1, Jamas (10-1); 2, Governor's Harbour (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Shemoake (20-1). Wagon Load 6-4 jt-fav. 14 ran.
4.15 1, Heart Of Stone (6-1); 2, Manhattan Boy (16-1); 3, Wink Gulliver (12-1). Greenhills Joy 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

Leopardstown result

3.15 1, KINGSMILL (D Murphy, 8-1); 2, Cloughtaney (Mr W Mullins, 7-2); 3, Elementary (B Nolan, 7-4 fav). 12 ran. T Stack in Ireland.

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FOOTBALL: THE RACE FOR PROMOTION IS ON AS WALSALL RECORD CHELSEA'S FEAT ON VIDEO AND BOURNEMOUTH THINK BIG AT WEST BROMWICH'S EXPENSE

Coleman keeps ambition alive

By David Powell

Bournemouth 2
West Bromwich Albion . 1

The sale of FA Cup tickets for the home tie against Manchester United swelled the Dean Court attendance to 11,571, its largest of the season, on Saturday but, as Harry Redknapp, the Bournemouth manager, admitted, he would far rather play United in the first division next season than in the fifth round of the Cup in 12 days.

Bournemouth in the first division? The club which spent a record 47 consecutive years in the third division, with a ground that would not look out of place in the fourth (Hartlepool must have felt like home from home the previous Saturday). But Watford, Wimbledon and Millwall have taught the Bournemouths to think like hoteliers, even if they are only camp-site owners.

"You've got to fancy Chelsea, Manchester City and Leeds to be there at the end, but so too could one or two of the smaller clubs and there is no reason why we can't be one of them," Redknapp said. After two successive League defeats, Bournemouth needed three points and it showed in their every sinew.

If Bryan Robson, the Manchester United captain, needs a report on Bournemouth's work-rate, he need only ask his brother. Gary Robson, for all his front-running for West Bromwich, made little headway as the Bournemouth midfield, with O'Driscoll inspirational, held the ascendancy.

Robson did have one clear-cut chance, a header which he put across goal and wide, but the Bournemouth goalkeeper, Peyton, in his 500th League appearance, was put to less trouble than his opposite number, Naylor.

Peyton was in difficulty until the fortieth minute, when he could do no more than help Albiston's drive, set up by Hopkins's free kick, into the net for an equalizer. By that time, Naylor had been alert to shots from O'Driscoll, Blissett, Coleman and Bishop but was beaten by one from Cooke after 16 minutes. West Bromwich tested Peyton more in the second half, a header and shot from Paskin the prelude to an outstanding reflex save from a drive by Hopkins.

On a day when John Motson, of the BBC, made his first visit to the ground, providing guest assessment for local radio, the name of the winning goalscorer was easy for him to remember. An error by Whyte presented David Coleman, on a rare first-team outing, with a simple goal. Whyte was otherwise immaculate. A quite remarkable mistake, David Coleman must have thought.

BOURNEMOUTH: G Peyton: M Newson, P Morrell, K Bond, J Williams, S O'Driscoll, R Cooke (sub: S Close), D Coleman, T Aylott, I Bishop, L Blissett.
WEST BROMWICH ALBION: S Naylor; W Dobbins, A Albiston, B Talbot, C Whyte, S North, R Hopkins, J Paskin, G Robson, C Palmer, B Rice.
Referee: R Gifford.

Stuart Naylor, the West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper, has ended his lengthy contract dispute with the club in the hope of helping them to promotion by signing for 18 months.

Durie has lead role as Chelsea put on seven-goal show

By Dennis Shaw

Walsall 0
Chelsea 7

Walsall's in-house television station produced a potential best-seller on Saturday, though most of the expected sale will come from a hundred miles away.

In what must have seemed a final act of charity by the most hospitable of hosts, the Fellows Park club announced on the final whistle that the Gordon Durie Five-Goal Video was on sale, price £15. Opinions on its merits will differ sharply, as evidenced by the interviews in the press box after the match.

"The first three goals [by Durie in the opening 21 minutes] were from corners when we didn't defend at all," John Barnwell, the Walsall manager, said. "Three others were caused by defenders messing about out of position when they should have been doing their jobs." The other was a penalty.

The suggestion that Walsall meekly succumbed will be confirmed when the culprits do penance today in watching the video nasty from start to finish. However, there is another side to the story in that the seven away goals did not score themselves. It required a special brand of finely tuned finishing to transform constant opportunity into achievement.

"Yes, it's easily the best of my career," Durie, the Scottish under-21 forward, said. Durie declined to select a favourite from his 90-minute repertoire. He chose to regard his rare afternoon's work as a package of five, or maybe seven, bearing in mind he also made the fourth goal for Kevin Wilson and was tripped in the penalty area to provide Roberts with the sixth.

Outside of the shell-shocked Walsall fraternity, that video contains some watchable highlights. There is a flick-up and volley through a narrow gap, like an express through a tunnel, for the first; a mischievous plundering of the ball from Hart's feet for a DIY fifth and a finale blast from 18 yards.

Walsall have clearly become immune to the pain of losing as they head out of the second division by the opposite route to Chelsea. It was their fifteenth successive League defeat, their 22nd fixture without a win and included a penalty miss when Beasant brilliantly saved from Rimmer, Barnwell's £150,000 signing from Notts County.

Even the match programme seemed designed to motivate the opposition, kicking off as it did with the snippet of information that the last time Chelsea were at Fellows Park, 26 years ago, they won 5-1. It took only 48 minutes to better that.

WALSALL: F Barber; A Dornan, K Mower, C Shakespeare, G Forbes, P Hart (sub: M Rees), H Pritchard, S Rimmer, T Christie, P Jones, P Hawker (sub: M Goodwin).
CHELSEA: D Beasant; S Clarke, C Wilson, G Roberts, J McLaughlin, J Bumstead, K Wilson, P Nicholas, D Mitchell, G Durie, M Hazard.
Referee: A Wilkie.

Unanimous vote

Chelsea's display at Fellows Park on Saturday has earned the club the unanimous vote from Bobby Robson and his panel as the Barclays Performance of the Week. A local boys' club will receive the £650 prize.



Heading for trouble: Ratcliffe (left in the top picture) recoils after his confrontation with Jones (right), who is then dismissed by Michael Peck, the referee (bottom picture)

Jones may face a disrepute charge

By Clive White

Vinny Jones is likely to be charged with bringing the game into disrepute and suspended for more than the four-matches which he will miss automatically for being sent off for the second time this season during Wimbledon's match against Everton on Saturday.

The FA is awaiting the report of Michael Peck, the referee, before making a decision. Jones, who was sent off for allegedly head-butting Ratcliffe, the Everton captain, was also sent off for elbowing a part-time player in an exhibition match in the Isle of Wight before the start of the season.

Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, who has made efforts this season to prove Wimbledon's disciplinary record, fined him two weeks' wages and banned the player indefinitely. Jones missed six matches before Gould restored him to the side. He was told by the manager then: "Your football future is now at a critical period but only you can determine its destiny."

The dismissal of Jones on Saturday was the second such occurrence for Wimbledon in successive weeks; Eric Young was sent off in last week's FA Cup tie at Villa Park. Until then, Wimbledon had the fifth best disciplinary record in the first division.

"I am bitterly disappointed with what went on," Gould said on Saturday. "I will not rest until I have stamped out this sort of behaviour. Ultimately I am responsible for the players but I cannot accept what they have done in the name of Wimbledon Football Club. As a professional I can only hit them in one place — the pocket. But if that doesn't do the trick, I will have to think about other steps. I am not going to throw in the towel. Wimbledon players know the club's code of conduct."

Despite the attempts on and off the field to clean up their image, controversy has continued to hound the FA Cup-winners this season. John Fashanu was banned for his part in the tunnel fracas involving Viv Anderson, of Manchester United, in December, and Jones was again the centre of attention when a tackle on Gary Stevens, of Tottenham Hotspur, left the player seriously injured. Television cameras at Goodison Park showed that while his action was foolish, it was, perhaps, not as violent as some portrayed.

Jones has a three-year deal with Simod, the boot manufacturers, and the contract contains a clause which could penalize him for bad behaviour.

Flair lacking in a battle of boots

By Nicholas Harling

Ipswich Town 1
Crystal Palace 2

As an indictment of the play-off system, Saturday's match at Portman Road provided the perfect example. With qualifying places open to the club which finishes as low as sixth, teams such as Ipswich Town and Crystal Palace have much to play for. Whether they deserve such devalued opportunities of going up at the expense of the third-placed team is a different matter.

If the criteria for the play-offs are added excitement and attendances at the end of the season, then so be it. But the first division would hardly be enriched by the inclusion of either team next season, certainly not if they persist with the boot first-think later approach that did little to sustain interest in an encounter that would have been ordinary in the extreme had it not been for the extraordinary refereeing of John Penrose.

Ipswich's supporters felt hard done by the penalty decision and possible offside that enabled Wright to score twice within a minute midway through the first half. Having subsequently booked one player from each side, Redford and Pemberton for innocuous fouls, Penrose then ignored the worst tackle of them all by Linighan on McGoldrick, before further incensing the Palace contingent by sending off Hopkins for "serious foul play" four minutes from time.

For tugging back Kiwomya by the shirt, the centre half stands to miss three games, including his club's Simod Cup semi-final at Nottingham Forest. "The ref said he asked Jeff three times to stop pulling his shirt," Steve Coppell said.

The Palace manager at least had the comfort of seeing his side win, Wright's brace bringing Palace their first double of the season. Wark's push on Bright brought him his first goal from the penalty spot. O'Reilly's forward header the second 60 seconds later. Palace found themselves 2-0 up after 25 minutes, having not strung a single decent move, let alone pass, together.

For a club with a greater tradition, Ipswich's deterioration in standards is all the sadder. Not only the pitch has suffered but so much of the style has gone, too, that it cannot adequately be excused by the absences in attack of Atkinson and Lowe. Baltacha was also very much a fish out of water, hard though Duncan tried to justify the Soviet centre half's inclusion on the right wing.

Wark headed in Zondervan's corner after 39 minutes to precipitate a second-half surge.

IPSWICH TOWN: R Fearon; F Yallop, G Harbey, R Zondervan, I Redford (sub: S Milton), D Linighan, C Kiwomya, J Dozzell, J Wark, D Hill, S Baltacha.
CRYSTAL PALACE: P Suckling; J Pemberton, D Burke, G Pennyfather, J Hopkins, G O'Reilly, E McGoldrick, A Pardew, M Bright, I Wright, P Barber.
Referee: J Penrose.

Blackburn solve a problem

By Martin Searby

Blackburn Rovers 2
Bradford City 1

The Bradford manager designate, Terry Yorath, missed his new club's fifth consecutive defeat, at the hands of Blackburn, because of a High Court ruling and instead passed his Saturday afternoon as a spectator at the Leeds United game. Bradford will negotiate with Swansea City through lawyers this week, hoping for agreement on compensation for Yorath which would lift the High Court injunction.

They have offered £50,000; Swansea seek £250,000 and would probably settle for £150,000, which would still leave the Yorkshire club facing a possible inquiry and fine by the Football League into an alleged breach of the rule prohibiting seduction of other clubs' contracted employees.

Affairs on the field were little more wholesome with Blackburn, who took the first half to work out the answer to Bradford's sweeper system, maintaining their challenge at the top of the second division. With Kennedy supposedly unfit, Bradford lacked resilience in the middle of the field but the home defence was so hesitant that Abbott lined his shot up like a putt before giving his side a lead which should have been increased before the interval.

The full backs, Sulley and Atkins, pushed forward in the classic counter to the sweeper and Bradford hardly had a kick in the second half with Blackburn controlling the game mainly through the fluency of Sellars. They were level after 52 minutes when Gayle tapped in a back header from Finnigan which came back off the bar and running away with the game when Atkins was left with a similarly easy opportunity as Hendry flicked on a corner at the near post.

While Bradford are too talented to go down, Blackburn's inability to think on their feet may leave them short in a close competition for a place in the top six and the play-offs for promotion.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe; M Atkins, C Sulley, A Finnigan, C Hendry, D Mail, H Gayle, R Hildersley, I Miller, S Garner, S Sellars.
BRADFORD CITY: P Tomlinson; B Mitchell, G Oliver, G Abbott, P Jackson, D Evans (sub: A Thomas), L Palin, L Sinnott, M Leonard, K Goddard (sub: I Banks), P Jewell.
Referee: J Lloyd.

Watford fall victim to pitch

By Ian Ross

Oldham Athletic 3
Watford 1

Watford were not the first team to leave Boundary Park ruing the day that Oldham Athletic decided to replace grass with plastic, and they will not be the last.

Omni-turf is almost unplayable in anything other than optimum conditions, and Saturday's combination of a forceful, unremitting wind and showers of torrential rain succeeded in reducing a potentially interesting game to the level of grand farce.

In seeking to enhance their claims for one of only two outright second division promotion places this season, Watford discovered that their timing was awry in more than one sense.

The fluency of an attack which places perhaps a little too much emphasis on pace alone was disrupted to such an extent that the rudimentary offside trap employed by the home side proved to be impregnable.

Having enjoyed the better of a disappointing opening period, Watford fell behind in the 23rd minute when Ritchie drifted around two defenders before lashing a shot just inside the far post.

Seven minutes later Holden headed an Adams corner back across the face of goal and Ritchie again displayed the cool nerve of an instinctive finisher by dispatching a neat half-volley into the net.

A Watford goal at this stage could have proved crucial, for Oldham are adept at squandering an advantage. But all hope of salvation disappeared seconds before the interval when Redfearn headed wide of the target while standing in splendid isolation at the far post.

Playing into the teeth of a gale which had so troubled their opponents, Oldham extended their lead after 54 minutes when Irwin struck home a free kick which made a complete mockery of Watford's attempts to construct a defensive wall.

Redfearn's well-taken goal midway through the second half did spark a Watford revival of sorts but it was of a transparent and unconvincing nature.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC: J Hallworth; D Irwin, E Barrett, J Kelly, I Marshall, A Holden (sub: N Henry), R Palmer, A Ritchie, T Wright, M Milligan, N Adams.
WATFORD: T Coton; N Gibbs, K Jackett, T Sherwood, D Holdsworth, J McClelland, N Redfearn, P Wilkinson, G Thompson, W Falconer, R Holden (sub: I Roberts).
Referee: P Wright.

Inventive Forest pass the plastic challenge

By Dennis Signy

Luton Town 2
Nottingham Forest 3

Brian Clough, widely regarded as "the people's choice" to succeed the watching Bobby Robson as England manager, ignored the slight of rejection for the manager of the month award by motivating his side to its tenth successive victory of 1989, a win gained in entertaining and inventive style.

With his team in the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup, the fifth round of the FA Cup and the semi-finals of the Simod Cup, Clough is already emerging as a likely manager of the year. Only the two goals Forest conceded prevented them replacing Coventry City in third place in the first division table.

Despite the pre-match suggestion by David Evans, the Luton chairman, that Clough should have been dismissed for his actions which have led to an FA charge of bringing the game into disrepute, the crowd applauded the arrival of the Forest manager.

Webb, who gave ample evidence why Robson prefers him to Gascoigne, and Hodge, rejuvenated since his return from Tottenham Hotspur, inspired a Forest performance that had Ray Harford, the Luton manager, acknowledging them as the best side in the League at the moment.

Despite Clough's preference for grass, his team looked more at home on the artificial surface than their fellow Littlewoods Cup semi-finalists. "They made the pitch look good," Harford said. "They play the passing game."

Nigel Clough, evidently not in the international reckoning, got the winning goal in the 75th minute with a free kick from 25 yards which, Harford suggested, would have been shown on television all over the world had it been scored by a Continental player.

Parker scored against his former club after 18 minutes when Clough's header found him unmarked. Mick Harford equalized a minute later with a header that was deflected wide of Sutton. Clough scored with a penalty after 28 minutes, when Sealey brought down Hodge, before Black levelled matters once more on the stroke of half-time.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, A Grimes (sub: D Oldfield), D Preece, S Foster, J Dreyer, D Wilson, R Wegerle, M Harford, R Hill, K Black.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; B Laws, S Pearce, S Chettle, T Wilson, S Hodge, F Carr, N Webb, N Clough, L Chapman, G Parker.
Referee: J Ashworth.

Mirandinha outshines his vaunted rivals

By Peter Ball

Newcastle United 2
Liverpool 2

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has been known to complain that too many teams lie down and surrender against Liverpool. Newcastle certainly do no. With the confidence of victory at Anfield behind them, the erstwhile bottom club set about the perennial champions with scant respect on Saturday to provide a riveting spectacle.

This time they could manage only a draw, but what a draw. Pingel, O'Brien, the immaculate Roeder, Brock and McCreery could all take satisfaction from their performances, but inevitably one player dominated post-match discussions — Mirandinha.

Regarded as surplus to the requirements of the new manager, Jim Smith, he responded by pulling out all the stops, revealing all his known talents and some unlikely ones. Mostly it was the more familiar Mirandinha, however. Three minutes into the match a speculative drive surprised Grobbelaar by its pace. A minute later and he scored, squeezing the ball home after Roeder's perceptive 60-yard through-ball had set him free.

The best was yet to come. Dropping off cleverly to intercept Molby's header, he struck a spectacular 30-yard volley which flew past Grobbelaar like a Hadlee outswinger, only to crash against the the post.

By contrast, the close-range poke by Rush and header by Aldridge, which gave Liverpool their equalizers, and even the back-header by Pingel, which brought the Dane his first League goal, were all fairly mundane. But as Roeder said, the Welshman and the Irishman had had one chance apiece and taken them.

Mirandinha is more expansive and profligate, as Smith pointed out ruefully. "Even when he isn't playing well he makes two or three chances for himself in a match — and then he misses them."

One suspects that that inconsistency will, in the end, persuade Smith he cannot afford to rely on the Brazilian in Newcastle's desperate situation. That would be a pity.

NEWCASTLE: T Wright; K Scott, K Sansom, D McCreery, J Anderson, G Roeder, J Hendrie, F Pingel, Mirandinha, L O'Brien, K Brock.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, G Ablett, D Burrows, S Nicol, R Whelan, J Molby, R Houghton, J Aldridge, I Rush, J Barnes, S McMahon.
Referee: R Hart.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League First division

Arsenal	2	West Ham	1
Aston Villa	2	Sheffield Wed	0
Charlton	1	Norwich	2
Derby	3	Southampton	1
Everton	1	Wimbledon	1
Luton	2	Nottingham F	3
Middlesbrough	1	Coventry	1
Newcastle	2	Liverpool	2
QPR	1	Millwall	2

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	22	6	3	1	19	10	8	2	2	29	13	47
Norwich	23	4	6	2	16	14	8	2	1	19	11	44
Coventry	23	6	2	3	18	10	4	5	3	14	13	37
Nottm For	23	3	5	2	13	10	6	5	2	21	18	37
Man Utd	23	7	4	1	20	7	2	5	4	12	12	36
Liverpool	23	4	5	2	12	7	5	4	3	18	13	36
Millwall	22	7	1	2	19	10	3	5	4	16	18	36
Derby	22	5	2	6	15	12	5	3	1	11	5	35
Everton	22	5	4	2	19	12	3	3	5	8	12	31
Middlesbro	23	6	4	2	18	13	2	2	7	12	22	30
Aston Villa	23	6	3	3	19	14	1	5	5	14	22	29
Wimbledon	22	5	2	4	13	13	3	3	5	13	17	29
Tottenham	23	4	4	4	26	19	2	4	5	13	16	26
Luton	23	4	5	2	15	11	2	3	7	8	18	26
Southampton	23	4	4	4	20	19	2	4	5	15	26	26
QPR	23	4	2	5	12	10	2	4	6	12	14	24
Charlton	23	2	5	6	16	22	3	3	4	9	12	23
Sheffield W	22	3	3	4	18	14	2	5	5	8	17	23
Newcastle	23	2	4	6	12	16	2	2	7	7	24	18
West Ham	23	1	3	7	11	22	3	2	7	8	19	17

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 3, Farnborough 2; Dagenham 0, Hayes 0; Dulwich Hamlet 0, Leytonstone/Ilford 2; Harrow Borough 1, Bishop's Stortford 2; Hendon 1, Bromley 1; Kingstonian 2, Marlow 0; Leyton-Wingate 0, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Slough 4, Croydon 0; Wokingham 2, Barking 3. First division: Basildon 1, Wembley 2; Basingstoke 1, Hitchin 1; Boreham Wood 5, Collier Row 0; Chalfont St Peter 0, Hampton 3; Kingsbury 0, Lewes 1; Staines 3, Bracknell 0; Walton and Hersham 3, Metropolitan Police 1; Wivenhoe 1, Southwick 1; Worthing 1, Leatherhead 4. Second division north: Aveley 0, Billericay 3; Berkhamsted 2, Barton 1; Clapton 1, Stevenage Borough 1; Hertford 3, Tilbury 0; Heybridge 0, Purfleet 1; Hornchurch 0, Rainham 1; Letchworth GC 1, Ware 2; Saffron Walden 2, Wolverton 3; Tring 3, Royston 1; Vauxhall Motors 2, Hemel Hempstead 3. Second division south: Banstead 0, Southall 0; Chertsey 1, Eastbourne United 1; Feltham 1, Epsom and Ewell 1; Finchley 0, Dorking 3; Flackwell Heath 0, Egham 1; Hungerford 1, Maidenhead United 0; Molesey 3, Newbury 0; Petersfield 1, Harefield 1; Ruislip Manor 2, Camberley 0; Whyteleafe 2, Yeading 0.

Second division

Barnsley	2	Brighton	2
Blackburn	2	Bradford	1
Bournemouth	2	West Bromwich	1
Ipswich	1	C Palace	2
Leeds	2	Sunderland	0
Leicester	0	Hull	2
Oldham	3	Watford	1
Plymouth	0	Birmingham	1
Portsmouth	0	Manchester City	1
Shrewsbury	1	Stoke	2
Walsall	0	Chelsea	7

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	27	7	4	2	25	12	7	5	2	31	15	51
Man City	27	7	5	1	26	14	7	3	4	13	10	50
Watford	27	9	2	2	24	8	5	3	6	17	20	47
Blackburn	27	10	2	2	29	17	4	3	6	15	21	47
WBA	27	8	3	2	27	10	4	6	4	18	18	45
C Palace	26	7	5	1	23	10	4	3	6	18	23	41
Barnsley	27	8	4	2	28	15	3	4	6	12	21	41
Leeds	27	8	3	3	22	11	2	7	4	11	14	40
Ipswich	27	7	2	5	25	17	5	2	6	17	18	40
Sunderland	27	7	6	0	22	8	3	4	7	14	21	40
Bournemouth	27	9	1	4	19	10	3	3	7	11	22	40
Stoke	27	8	3	2	21	12	3	4	7	13	32	40
Portsmouth	27	8	3	3	23	10	2	6	6	14	24	38
Swindon	26	6	5	2	20	11	3	5	5	16	21	37
Plymouth	27	8	3	3	25	12	2	3	8	18	27	36
Leicester	27	7	4	3	20	12	2	5	6	13	25	36
Hull	27	5	7	1	20	16	4	1	9	16	29	35
Bradford	27	4	6	3	14	12	3	4	7	13	21	31
Oxford	27	6	3	4	26	20	2	3	9	15	23	30
Brighton	27	6	3	4	24	16	2	2	10	14	30	29
Oldham	27	5	5	4	27	20	1	4	8	15	28	27
Shrewsbury	27	3	7	3	12	15	3	4	6	10	21	23
Birmingham	27	2	3	8	13	24	2	4	8	6	26	19
Walsall	27	2	3	9	15	29	0	5	8	6	22	14

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Everton 2.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Southampton 0, Millwall 3; Tottenham 2, Luton 1; West Ham 0, Wimbledon 1.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Altrincham 2, Carshalton 0; Aylesbury 1, Merthyr 3; Boston 3, Northwich 2; Cheltenham 0, Barrow 0; Dover 0, Dartford 0; Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Kettering 1; Hyde 1, Gretna 1; Kidderminster 1, Burton 1; Leicester United 1, Welling 3; Newcastle Blue Star 3, Frickley 1; South Bank 0, Macclesfield 3; Sutton United 1, Bishop Auckland 1; Wealdstone 0, Wycombe 1; Windsor and Eton 1, Enfield 0; Woking 2, Weymouth 1; Yeovil 1, Telford 4.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: SA Brain Cup: Fourth round: Barry 6, Pembroke 0; Haverfordwest 1, AFC Cardiff 1 (Haverfordwest win 6-5 on penalties). National division: Bridgend 0, Maesteg 2; Briton Ferry 1, Aberystwyth 2; Ebbw Vale 1, Abergavenny 0; Milford 1, Pontlottyn? Pontllanfraith 3; Port Talbot 0, Caerleon 3.

Third division

Aldershot	5	Northampton	1
Blackpool	2	Wigan	0
Bristol R	0	Cardiff	1
Bury	2	Chesterfield	1
Chester	3	Reading	0
Fulham	1	Huddersfield	2
Gillingham	0	Brentford	0
Notts Co	2	Mansfield	1
Port Vale	0	Wolverhampton	0
Sheffield Utd	4	Bolton	0

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	27	11	2	0	35	10	6	5	3	23	17	58
Port Vale	25	8	2	2	29	11	6	3	4	19	16	47
Bury	27	9	3	2	23	12	5	2	6	22	23	47
Sheffield U	24	10	0	2	34	11	4	3	5	22	20	45
Swansea	26	8	5	1	23	12	4	4	4	14	15	45
Bristol R	26	7	4	3	25	14	5	4	3	20	17	44
Chester	26	8	3	2	24	12	4	3	6	18	29	42
Preston	27	9	3	1	29	14	2	4	8	12	21	40
Huddersfld	26	7	3	2	29	12	5	1	8	13	24	40
Fulham	27	7	5	2	27	18	4	1	8	14	23	39
Brentford	25	8	2	2	20	11	1	7	5	14	19	36
Blackpool	26	6	5	2	21	12	2	6	6	12	15	34
Cardiff	24	7	3	2	21	10	2	4	6	8	21	34
Bristol C	26	4	3	5	14	13	5	4	5	14	17	34
Reading	25	6	4	2	22	14	3	2	8	14	25	33
Mansfield	25	5	5	3	16	13	2	6	5	11	18	32
Notts Co	26	3	7	4	18	17	4	3	5	12	15	31
Bolton	27	6	4	3	25	15	2	3	9	9	23	31
Southend	27	5	6	3	18	15	2	2	9	14	32	29
Wigan	27	4	3	7	15	16	2	6	6	15	21	28
Northmptn	27	6	0	7	23	20	2	2	10	13	28	26
Aldershot	26	4	3	7	17	20	1	5	6	10	27	23
Chesterfld	26	3	3	6	13	22	3	1	10	9	33	22
Gillingham	27	3	2	9	12	20	3	1	9	12	25	21

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor 1, Gainsborough 1; Fleetwood 2, Buxton 1; Horwich 0, Shepshed 1; Marine 1, Gateshead 0; Matlock 2, Rhyl 1; Mossley 1, Witton 1; South Liverpool 3, Morecambe 1; Southport 1, Goole 1; Stalybridge 0, Caernarfon 2. First division: Accrington Stanley 3, Eastwood Hanley 0; Alfreton 0, Colne Dynamoes 3; Congleton 4, Newtown 0; Droylsden 5, Penrith 4; Farsley 2, Workington 2; Harrogate Town 3, Leek 1; Lancaster 5, Winsford 1; Netherfield 1, Eastwood Town 2; Radcliffe 2, Irlam 4; Sutton Town 0, Curzon Ashton 4.

Fourth division

Burnley	1	Torquay	0
Carlisle	0	Scunthorpe	3
Crewe	2	Hereford	1
Doncaster	1	Rochdale	1
Exeter	2	Darlington	1
Grimsby	0	Wrexham	1
Halifax	2	Stockport	2
Hartlepool	0	York	1
Leyton Orient	3	Rotherham	1
Lincoln	3	Cambridge	0
Peterborough	1	Tranmere	1
Scarborough	0	Colchester	0

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	28	8	4	1	21	12	5	5	3	18	14	48
Wrexham	25	6	5	1	25	14	6	4	3	24	20	45
Scunthorpe	27	6	5	2	21	16	6	4	4	26	25	45
Rotherham	25	7	3	2	24	11	5	5	4	19	12	44
Scarboro	25	6	6	2	18	15	5	3	4	21	16	42
Exeter	28	11	1	2	35	13	2	2	8	8	20	42
Tranmere	26	7	3	2	15	8	3	8	3	17	18	41
Burnley	25	10	2	2	25	11	1	4	7	6	15	39
Lincoln	27	8	4	2	27	17	3	2	8	17	23	39
Torquay	26	10	1	2	24	12	1	5	7	9	20	39
Cambridge	26	7	5	1	24	14	3	1	9	16	29	36
Doncaster	27	7	3	4	22	21	3	3	7	12	25	36
Stockport	27	6	5	2	28	9	2	6	6	15	18	35
Leyton O	25	8	1	4	30	16	1	6	5	13	19	34
Halifax	26	7	2	4	32	17	3	1	9	20	28	33
York	26	6	4	2	27	15	3	2	9	8	26	33
Hartlepool	25	5	3	5	16	20	4	3	5	9	13	33
Carlisle	27	4	5	5	14	17	4	3	6	20	20	32
Rochdale	27	6	5	2	20	17	2	3	9	16	38	32
Grimsby	25	6	4	3	22	15	1	4	7	15	24	29
Peterboro	27	4	2	8	13	24	3	6	4	15	20	29
Hereford	26	4	5	3	19	17	3	2	9	16	25	28
Darlington	26	0	10	3	13	20	2	3	8	15	26	19
Colchester	25	2	2	8	15	21	1	5	7	12	30	16

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton 1, Darwen 4; Atherton LR 0, Burscough 1; Prescot Cables 0, Flixton 1; St Helens 1, Ellesmere Port and Neston 1. Rumbelows? Reab Karcher Cup: Fourth round: Clitheroe 1, Wren 0; Formby 1, Salford 1; Maghull 1, Warrington 1; Maine Road 1, Colwyn Bay 1; Rossendale 0, Knowsley 2; Padiham 1, Leyland Motors 3; Skelmersdale 2, Nantwich 1; Vauxhall GM 4, Ashton 1.

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	25	10	1	1	26	7	7	2	4	15	12	37
Dundee Utd	25	5	6	2	15	8	8	3	1	12	4	35
Celtic	25	10	1	2	29	13	5	1	6	24	22	32
Aberdeen	25	6	6	2	14	8	4	4	3	12	14	27
Hibernian	25	6	3	3	14	9	4	4	5	12	14	27
St Mirren	25	4	5	4	12	11	5	1	6	15	23	24
Hearts	25	4	5	4	15	14	1	5	6	8	14	20
Dundee	25	4	4	4	14	13	1	5	7	8	17	19
Motherwell	25	3	4	5	12	16	1	4	8	10	16	16
Hamilton	25	3	0	10	8	34	0	2	10	9	26	8

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth 0, Waterlooville 2; Cambridge City 3, Alvechurch 1; Corby 1, Redditch 0; Crawley 2, Worcester 0; Dorchester 0, Fareham 0; Gosport 3, Bromsgrove 0; Moor Green 1, Bath 1. Midland division: Banbury 1, Bilston 3; Bridgnorth 0, Atherstone 2; Coventry Sporting 1, Spalding 4; Dudley 4, Mile Oak 3; Forest Green 0, Halesowen 2; Grantham 0, Stourbridge 2; Hednesford 1, Rushden 0; King's Lynn 2, Tamworth 2; Nuneaton Borough 3, Ashtree Highfield 0; Wellingborough 1, Gloucester 2; Willenhall 3, Sutton Coldfield 2. Southern division: Buckingham 0, Poole 6; Burnham 1, Dunstable 2; Canterbury 2, Hounslow 0; Chelmsford 6, Erith and Belvedere 0; Folkestone 0, Corinthian 3; Hastings 1, Baldock 2; Salisbury 5, Sheppey 0; Thanet 0, Bury 2; Tonbridge 1, Ruislip 2; Trowbridge 4, Andover 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 4, Paulton 1; Bristol Manor Farm 2, Taunton 1; Clevedon 0, Exmouth 4; Dawlish 1, Radstock 1; Liskeard 2, Frome 0; Mangotsfield 1, Barnstaple 3; Saltash 1, Chard 0; Swanage and Herston 1, Plymouth Argyle 1; Torrington 0, Weston-super-Mare 2; Welton 4, Minehead 0.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Town 3, Brandon 0; Chester-le-Street 2, Blyth 2; Crook 1, Spennymoor 1; Easington 0, Guisborough 1; North Shields 1, Durham 2; Seaham Red Star 1, Billingham Synthonia 3; Stockton 1, Ferryhill 1; Tow Law 2, Whitby 1.

B and Q Scottish League First division

Ayr	1	Raith	1
Dunfermline	3	Clyde	0
Forfar	2	Clydebank	4
Meadowbank	3	Airdrie	2

Postponed: Falkirk v Queen of South; Morton v Kilmarnock.

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	26	11	1	1	32	13	5	4	4	17	14	37
Airdrie	25	7	4	2	24	12	6	4	2	24	14	34
Clydebank	26	6	5	2	24	20	4	4	5	22	17	33
Falkirk	25	7	2	3	17	6	7	2	4	25	18	32
St Johnstone	25	10	2	1	24	9	2	5	5	14	15	31
Morton	25	6	2	4	11	12	6	2	5	21	28	28
Forfar	26	5	5	3	19	17	3	4	6	18	19	25
Meadowbank	26	5	3	5	16	18	3	4	6	18	26	23
Raith	26	5	4	4	16	17	3	3	7	12	20	23
Ayr	25	5	5	3	25	24	3	2	8	13	27	23
Kilmarnock	25	6	3	4	18	13	2	3	7	13	22	22
Clyde	26	3	3	7	14	22	2	7	4	14	17	20
Partick	25	1	5	6	11	28	6	0	6	22	25	17
Queen of S	25	1	4	8	13	28	1	2	9	14	28	10

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 1, Emley 3; Belper 2, Brigg 2; Bridlington Trinity 1, Long Eaton 2; Grimethorpe MW 2, Bridlington Town 0; Hallam 0, Hatfield Main 2; Harrogate Railway 1, Ossett Albion 1; Pontefract Collieries 0, Guiseley 0; Thackley 4, Denaby 1. League Cup: Second round replay: North Ferriby 4, Selby 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham 0, Southend 1; Gillingham 2, Norwich 0; Leyton Orient 5, Queen's Park Rangers 3; Millwall 1, Arsenal 1; Watford 2, Ipswich 0. Second division: Brentford 2, Swindon 0; Colchester 2, Reading 3; Northampton 1, Bournemouth 0; Oxford 4, Crystal Palace 3; Tottenham 0, Wimbledon 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians 2, Old Harrovians 0; Old Salopians 1, Old Cholmeleians 1. First division: Old Wellingburians 2, Old Wykehamists 1.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round: Old Malvernians 0, Old Reptonians 0 (aet).

Second division

Alloa	3	Stirling	2
Arbroath	1	Dumbarton	1
Berwick	2	Albion	1
Montrose	2	E Fife	2
Queen's Park	1	Stenhousemuir	1
Stranraer	1	E Stirling	2

Postponed: Cowdenbeath v Brechin.

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion	24	10	2	0	23	7	5	2	5	20	28	34
Brechin	25	4	5	3	17	14	5	5	2	22	16	29
Queen's Pk	24	6	5	1	14	6	2	7	3	17	16	28
Stranraer	24	5	5	2	21	16	5	2	4	17	18	27
Stirling	25	6	2	2	25	16	2	5	6	15	21	27
Cowdenbeath	24	4	7	1	16	17	5	2	5	12	17	27
Alloa	25	7	5	1	24	16	1	5	6	12	19	26
Arbroath	25	3	5	5	19	21	5	4	3	17	11	26
E Fife	25	5	5	1	20	12	2	5	6	16	22	25
E Stirling	25	5	2	5	20	24	3	6	4	19	16	24
Montrose	25	4	3	4	20	16	2	3	7	13	17	22
Stenhsemuir	26	3	6	3	16	15	3	1	6	13	23	19
Dumbarton	24	4	1	6	16	19	1	6	6	11	18	17
Berwick	25	3	3	7	11	22	1	3	8	17	27	14

SCHOOLS: ESFA Barclay Cup: Third round: Cardinal Vaughan (Inner London) 1, Hill College (Hampshire) 3; Dr Challoner GS (Buckinghamshire) 2, Carres GS (Lincolnshire) 1. ESFA Nabisco Trophy: Third round: Bridgnorth (Shropshire) 0, Sydney Smith (Humberside) 0; Woodlands (Coventry) 2, Washford Heath (Birmingham) 1.

FAI CUP: First round: Waterford United 1, Bray Wanderers 1 (replay Wednesday); Parkvilla 1, Midleton 1 (replay Sunday); Monaghan United 4, EMFA 2; Cobh Ramblers 3, St James's Gate 0; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Home Farm 1; Tek United 2, Longford Town 3; Sligo Rovers 0, Cork City 1; Athlone Town 2, Buncrana Hearts 1; Newcastlewest 3, Finn Harps 4; Allied Irish Banks 0, Limerick City 2; Galway United 0, Drogheda United 1; University College, Dublin 2, Rockmount 0; Brendanville 1, Dundalk 3; Cukdaff 0, Shamrock Rovers 3.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lille 1, Cannes 0; Matra Racing 0, Marseille 2; Montpellier 2, Lens 0; Nice 1, Metz 1; St Etienne 1, Bordeaux 0; Strasbourg 3, Laval 0; Toulon 1, Caen 0; Toulouse 1, Nantes 2; Auxerre 0, Monaco 0; Sochaux 2, Paris Saint-Germain 1. Leading positions: 1, Paris Saint-Germain, played 25, 50pts; 2, Auxerre, 25, 49; 3, Marseille, 25, 48.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 0, Milan 2; Bologna 1, Fiorentina 0; Como 0, Cesena 0; Internazionale 2, Torino 0; Juventus 1, Pescara 1; Lecce 2, Atalanta 1; Pisa 0, Napoli 1; Roma 0, Verona 0; Sampdoria 1, Lazio 0. Leading positions: 1, Inter Milan, 28pts; 2, Napoli, 25; 3, Sampdoria, 22.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet	4	Newport	1

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kidderminstr	29	6	5	2	19	15	10	1	5	31	21	54
Barnet	28	9	1	3	27	17	7	4	4	29	28	53
Macclsfld	28	7	3	4	22	15	7	3	4	28	22	48
Wycombe	28	6	4	3	28	19	7	4	4	28	21	47
Maidstone	26	6	4	3	32	20	7	3	3	28	19	46
Kettering	24	8	1	2	23	11	4	4	4	13	17	44
Runcorn	26	6	3	4	26	18	6	3	4	28	25	42
Boston	26	6	3	5	24	25	6	3	3	18	18	42
Welling	28	7	4	2	26	8	4	3	8	19	18	40
Northwich	25	5	2	3	17	12	6	4	5	28	24	39
Fisher	27	7	3	5	32	24	3	3	6	15	22	36
Altrincham	25	4	4	3	15	14	6	2	6	19	21	36
Yeovil	27	5	6	5	26	25	4	2	6	22	28	34
Sutton Utd	23	6	2	1	28	14	2	7	5	6	15	33
Telford	28	4	4	7	15	18	5	2	4	16	12	33
Cheltenham	28	6	4	4	24	22	3	2	9	15	17	33
Chorley	28	6	2	6	19	19	2	2	9	16	29	31
Enfield	28	5	2	7	22	22	2	3	7	13	24	26
Stafford	28	5	1	7	21	20	2	2	9	13	28	24
Weymouth	25	5	5	3	19	18	1	1	9	10	28	24
Aylesbury	27	5	1	8	22	27	0	4	9	9	32	20
Newport	28	3	3	7	18	28	1	4	10	12	34	19

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 0, Cliftonville 4; Ballymena 3, Distillery 0; Carrick 2, Bangor 3; Crusaders 0, Coleraine 3; Glentoran 2, Glenavon 3; Portadown 4, Larne 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	16	14	1	1	37	13	43
Glentoran	17	11	2	4	46	24	35
Coleraine	17	11	2	4	29	14	35
Bangor	16	8	6	2	28	18	30
Portadown	16	8	3	5	22	13	27
Glenavon	17	8	3	6	33	26	27
Cliftonville	17	5	7	5	28	22	22
Ballymena Utd	16	6	3	5	25	27	21
Larne	16	5	4	7	29	28	19
Carrick	16	5	2	9	18	27	17
Crusaders	17	4	2	11	17	33	14
Newry Town	15	4	1	10	15	28	13
Ards	17	3	3	11	20	38	12
Distillery	17	2	2	13	16	53	8

Coach dismissed

Kuwait (AFP) — Kuwait have dismissed their Brazilian football coach, Miguel Perriera, after their 1-0 defeat by the United Arab Emirates in a World Cup qualifying match. Perriera, who was appointed in 1985 after Kuwait had been knocked out of the qualifying rounds for the 1986 World Cup, had only a month of his contract to run.

POOLS CHECK

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1	1	1½	3●	1½	3●	3●	1½	3●	1	1	1½	1	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1	1	1½	1	1	1½	2	2	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1	3●	1	1½	3●	1½	1	1	3●	2	3●	1½	1	1½	3●	1	1	1½	1	1	1½	1	3●	1	3●	3●	3●	1½

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FOOTBALL

The Highbury tank hammers ahead on its unswerving road

By Clive White

Arsenal	2
West Ham United	1

It was not quite the ruthless revenge for last month's FA Cup defeat that Arsenal would have liked, but it was enough to keep them nicely on course for the championship. West Ham, a capricious wind and the unpredictable terrain of the Highbury pitch could not shake Arsenal.

They had the single-mindedness of a tank, forever rolling forward, confident in the knowledge whomever gets in their way will be crushed. It is going to take a lot to deter them. While Norwich City's challenge remains doggedly persistent, Arsenal have opened up a 10-point gap between themselves and Coventry City, the third-placed club, with Nottingham Forest, registering their tenth successive win, in danger of losing heart if they do not take closer order soon.

It will be some consolation to West Ham that while this defeat left them bottom of the table again, only one goal separated them from the prospective champions over 90 minutes. They could also claim, as John Lyall did, that they had the better chances in a game that was memorable for its wastefulness.

Not for the first time this season McKnight found himself under fire from colleagues as much as rivals for his shortcomings between the posts. He was clearly at fault for the second goal while the finger of suspicion was pointed roughly in his direction for the first. And to think that this was on a day when Arsenal's shooting was decidedly weak and wayward.

Perhaps McKnight needs to be taken out of the firing line for a while as Kelly, the other half of Lyall's £900,000 pre-season investment, was on Saturday. It seems unlikely that Jack Charlton will play him, either, against France tomorrow. As for the luckless McKnight, he is sure to find himself facing the likes of Butragueño in Northern Ireland's World Cup qualifier against Spain at Windsor Park.

Unlike the impoverished Billy Bingham, Lyall does have an alternative to McKnight — Parkes, who recently has declared himself fit. But then again, since Parkes, aged 38, has played only one League game since March 1987, that would be like Bingham recalling Jennings.

Clearly, Lyall must do something soon to instil confidence in his team again. That is something that George Graham's men do not want for, even when they are bungling their efforts as Groves was. But all was forgiven — well, nearly — when Groves looped a header over West Ham's untidy defence.

By then Ward, pushed forward into a striking role in the absence of Kelly, had already upstaged Groves with the miss of the match. Dixon seemed to have a long clearance by Ince under control when home ground advantage suddenly backfired and a divot put Ward in possession. But with just Lukic to beat he contrived to side-foot the ball wide.

The aberrations continued when Gale got caught in possession on the halfway line by Richardson who set Merson free. From there the ball moved to Smith, the first division's leading scorer, who bagged his sixteenth goal which squirmed beneath McKnight's body.

With six minutes remaining, Dicks dissected the column-like figures of Bould and Adams to thump the ball in from an angle.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, K Richardson, A Smith, P Merson (sub: M Hayes), P Groves.
WEST HAM UNITED: A McKnight; S Potts, J Dicks, A Gale, G Strodder, A Devonshire (sub: D Kelly), M Ward, A Dickens, L Rosenior, L Brady, P Ince.
Referee: J Worrall.

Confidence is the key for Norwich

By Vince Wright

Charlton Athletic	1
Norwich City	2

Confidence was the key to the outcome of this match at Selhurst Park on Saturday. Charlton, waging a familiar battle against relegation, could never rid themselves of an inferiority complex, despite playing the superior football in the first half. Norwich, although looking more like championship pretenders than championship contenders, effortlessly raised the tempo once they had gone a goal behind and they finished well in charge.

The Charlton manager, Lennie Lawrence, said: "It's back to the drawing board for us after a successful few weeks. Norwich put us in our place in the second half." Yet for a long time Norwich seemed unlikely to gain their eighth away victory in 11 League games. Passes were going astray, tackles were being mistimed and their tentative approach was particularly surprising considering that they had scored eight goals the previous week.

However, on a pitch looking much the worse for wear, Charlton were unable to take advantage. Their front three of Crooks, Lee and Williams made skilful contributions but in areas where Norwich could not be hurt.

During this period Gunn was relieved to see a fierce header by Mackenzie clear the crossbar and Allen was booked for disputing the award of a corner. Little else went wrong for the Norwich centre forward, who kept the regular No. 9, Rosario, on the substitutes bench after scoring four against Sutton United.

If Charlton were shot-shy, the same could not be said about Norwich, who won the match with two thundering volleys. It was typical of this humdrum encounter that the opening goal by Charlton after 48 minutes was the result of a mistake. When Gunn mishandled a long, high centre from Mackenzie, Lee drove the ball against the bar and there was a suspicion of hand-ball as Crooks was the first to the rebound.

This jolted Norwich into producing their best football of the afternoon and they were level four minutes later thanks to Allen's devastating finish to Phelan's precise right-wing cross. Norwich's winner in the 67th minute was even more spectacular, Townsend continuing his happy knack of scoring crucial goals. The midfield player's instant strike from 30 yards flashed past the unsighted Bolder. There was no way back for Charlton after that.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder; J Humphrey, M Reid (sub: P Mortimer), P Shirtliff, C Pates, A Peake, R Lee, P Williams, S Mackenzie, S Gritt (sub: C Leaburn), G Crooks.
NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, A Townsend, D Gordon, R Fleck, M Allen, M Phelan, T Putney.
Referee: K Barratt.

League in executive dilemma

By Peter Ball

The Football League will appoint a firm of headhunters to take over the search for a chief executive after the management committee's decision on Friday not to select any of the five shortlisted candidates.

The failure to fill a position that has been vacant for more than six months has left the League looking incompetent and embarrassed. However, it clearly felt that the alternative — appointing someone who did not fill the bill — was even less appealing.

Both Ronald Allison, the television executive and the Queen's former Press secretary, and Glen Kirton, the Football Association assistant secretary, had their supporters, but neither was able to command broad enough support among the eight-man committee to win the appointment. It is difficult to see who would have the necessary football knowledge from outside the game, and candidates of the required stature inside the game have so far shown little enthusiasm for a thankless task.

Gordon Taylor, the outstanding leader of the Professional Footballers Association, decided not to apply last time after being generally regarded as favourite, and he is unlikely to change his mind. Clearly the headhunters will have their work cut out.

Hopes borne away by wind

The quarter-final match in the Arthur Dunn Cup between **Old Malvernians**, the host team, and **Old Reptonians** ended in a goalless draw on Saturday (George Chesterton writes).

Two tired teams left the field having played extra-time after a match dominated by a gale. Each side had chances. King cleared twice off the Malvern line and Frost returned the compliment for Repton.

Old Brentwoods are the only team through to the semi-final. Last week they defeated **Old Etonians** 2-1. **Old Salopians** entertain **Old Carthusians** and **Old Chigwellians** are at home to **Old Cholmeleians** next Saturday.

Enfield lose their way

The two finalists in the FA Trophy last season experienced contrasting fortunes in the second round on Saturday (Paul Newman writes). While **Enfield**, the holders, were losing 1-0 at **Windsor and Eton**, **Telford United** had the most emphatic victory of the day, winning 4-1 away to **Yeovil Town**.

Telford took the lead shortly before half-time through Grainger and, in front of a crowd of 2,714, Griffiths, Crawley and Mayman added further goals in the second half. Franks gave Windsor and Eton victory after 80 minutes. Another Vauxhall-Opel League club, **Woking**, were the only other giant-killers, two first-half goals by Worsfold helping them to a 2-1 victory at home to **Weymouth**.

Kidderminster Harriers, the GM Vauxhall Conference leaders, could only draw 1-1 at home to **Burton Albion** — a crowd of 3,524 saw Tuohy put Kidderminster in front after 52 minutes before Whitehouse equalized a minute later — and **Sutton United** needed a late penalty by McKinnon to draw 1-1 at home to **Bishop Auckland**.

Kettering Town were held to the same score away to **Gravesend and Northfleet** where a crowd of 1,119 saw Palmer equalize five minutes from the end after Beech had given Kettering an early lead. **Boston United**, watched by 2,002, beat **Northwich Victoria**.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Defying gravity: Mabbutt, of Tottenham, clears his lines, watched by Hughes and Robson, of United, during the televised encounter at Old Trafford yesterday. Match report, page 47

TENNIS

A challenge for long-term hopes

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Shane Barr, from Queensland, has been seeded to beat the British No. 1, Jeremy Bates, in the singles final of an indoor tournament — part of the Men's Tennis Council "challenger" series — to be played at Telford from today until Friday. A similar tournament will be played at Wallington next week.

The eight seeds at Telford represent six nations and will be contesting about £14,000 in prize-money. The Lawn Tennis Association will also have to pay out much the same figure to meet the cost of the players' hotel rooms and breakfasts.

Such tournaments give players a chance to effect modest improvements in their world rankings, which govern their right to direct entry at big events and also affect their market value to companies handing out endorsement contracts or organizing privately promoted tournaments or exhibitions.

The draw at Telford consists, basically, of players ranked between 150 and 350 in the world. That sounds commonplace. But at such a level there are valuable commodities playing at an impressive standard.

Of the nine British players in the draw of 32, Nick Brown, aged 27, is particularly interesting. In 1982 Brown won the all-British Pernod Trophy tournament, a prototype of the national championships inaugurated the following year. He climbed to ninth place in the British rankings but then became a coach at David Lloyd's Heston club.

Last November, Brown beat three seeded players in straight sets to reach the semi-finals of the national singles championship and was encouraged to resume competition. "I told him," Lloyd says, "that if I was him I would go on the circuit for a year — just to give it a go and see what happens. He's always got a job back here."

Brown is giving it a go. For his own satisfaction he needs to push himself to the limit of his capabilities. We wish him well but, from a long-term point of view, the form of younger British players — notably Chris Bailey, Jason Goodall, Danny Sapsford, Mark Petchey and Stephen Botfield — will be of more relevance during what promises to be a lively week at Telford.

Is it too much to hope that the players will remember that their work is, or should be, for the public's pleasure — and that Telford has much more to offer than a tennis court and a hotel? The area has a wealth of Roman and industrial and social history, plus the charming eminences of The Wrekin, Wenlock Edge and The Long Mynd — and some good golf courses, too. Working at Telford offers a variety of bonuses in return for a little initiative.

No protest over new court

From Richard Evans
Vienna

There will be no official protest over the experimental court used for the World Group Davis Cup tie in which Austria established a 3-0 winning margin over Australia after Saturday's doubles. They completed a 5-0 victory yesterday.

Neale Fraser, captaining Australia for the twentieth consecutive year, said: "The court improved day by day as the clay settled. I had my say before the match started. There was no question of us playing the match under protest."

Christopher Stokes, of the ITF, will be making a report on questionable surfaces to the Davis Cup committee in London on February 17.

Meanwhile, Austria has established itself as a tennis power. Joining forces with Thomas Muster, Alex Antonitsch emerged as the most consistent performer on court during the 6-3, 7-6, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Pat Cash and John Fitzgerald.

RESULTS (Austrian names first): T Muster and A Antonitsch bt P Cash and J Fitzgerald, 6-3, 7-6, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2; H Skoff bt M Woodforde, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Muster bt Cash, 6-2, 6-0.

● Britain will enter this year's Davis Cup with a zonal match away to Finland from May 5 to 7 following Finland's defeat of Ireland at the weekend.

Costly reverse for Hounslow

Hounslow's 2-1 defeat by East Grinstead on Saturday added to Havant's comfort as leaders of the Poundstretcher National League, but **Southgate** stayed within striking distance with a storming 6-1 win over **Warrington** (Sydney Friskin writes).

The return of van Asselt to the East Grinstead attack, after injury, made all the difference. He scored both their goals. Rupert Welch scored five of Southgate's goals — Kerly was restricted to one — bringing his own total to 11.

Slough moved up one place to eighth after a 3-3 draw with **Welton**, who saved the match with a last-minute goal from Stamp. Barber scored twice for Slough.

Goals by the Skinner brothers, Graham and Robert, brought **Isca** a 2-1 win over **Stourport**, and **Wakefield** obtained their first success, beating **Cambridge City** 1-0.

HOCKEY

Faulkner the linchpin

By Sydney Friskin

Havant	3
Old Loughtonians	0

Havant's higher level of efficiency was the basis for their home victory in the first division of the Poundstretcher National League, which was resumed on Saturday.

Havant, hard and uncompromising, gave little away with no one playing a bigger part than Faulkner at centre half. Yet, convincing as the victory might seem, Old Loughtonians, beaten for the first time in 11 matches, were by no means subdued.

The game changed dramatically in a short but agonizing spell for Old Loughtonians. After 21 minutes, Jennings put a penalty stroke against the crossbar and his contrition was painful to see. Within a minute Seabrook had the ball in the net at the other end. Three minutes later David Roberts put Havant further ahead from a short corner, and handed out the same medicine three minutes after the interval.

Havant had four short corners and converted two, whereas Old Loughtonians derived no profit from 12 of these awards, eight in the second half. The Havant goalkeeper, usually stood in the way.

Careful preparation was one reason for Havant's greater efficiency. While they had beaten Hampshire 3-0 and Chichester 7-0, Old Loughtonians had no chance to practice, most of their players having answered England's indoor calls.

HAVANT: S Rowlands; S Lawson, D Roberts, C Cooper, D Faulkner, A Cave, M Coleman (sub: S Avery), R Garcia, G Roberts, P Nail, R Seabrook.
OLD LOUGHTONIANS: C Greenwood; S Ashton, G Crymble, D Camilleri, J Hass, P Anderson, I Jennings, N Thompson, P Morris, A McLeod (sub: J Nicholson), C Gladman.
Umpires: P Lambert (Eastern Counties), M Martin (Southern Counties).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Offiah bystander as Britain set record in France

From Keith Macklin
Avignon

France	8
Great Britain	30

In the end it was almost too easy to be true. As Kevin Ward, the Great Britain prop forward, said: "We expected a harder game, but we did the job we came to do."

France bitterly disappointed their supporters in the spring-like sunshine. They were 10 points down within seven minutes of the kick-off, and their two tries were merely token and consolation efforts. Britain dominated this Whitbread Trophy international from start to finish to establish their best score in France.

After all the talk of revival of their game, this was a bitter pill for the French to swallow.

However, the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, was delighted with his team's performance before the series against New Zealand later this year. Great Britain scored six tries, and the only possible question-mark was the complete absence of any running chances for Martin Offiah on the left wing.

Hanley started the scoring with a powerful early run, and Tait linked up perfectly to send in Ford for the first of his two tries.

Although a loose pass from Gregory made a gift of an interception try to Dumas, Great Britain had the match won at half-time when Ford kicked ahead a dropped pass to score and Williams ran in from a Gregory pass.

At 20-4 the match was won, and although Ratier scored an excellent individual try for France, Britain wrapped it up with excellent efforts from Edwards and Tait, with three goals from Lydon.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Dumas, Ratier. Great Britain: Tries: Hanley, Ford (2), Williams, Edwards, Tait; goals: Lydon (3).
FRANCE: G Frison; H Ratier, E Vergniol, G Delaunay, D Fraisse; R Palisses, G Dumas; J-L Rabot, T Valero, P Ailleres, T Bourgnol, D Verdes, J Moliner.
GREAT BRITAIN: A Tait; P Ford, P Williams, J Lydon, M Offiah; S Edwards, A Gregory; K Ward, K Beardmore, L Crooks, M Gregory, R Powell, E Hanley.
Referee: G McCallum.

● In the under-21 international at Carpentras, France beat Great Britain 16-8 in a bruising and ill-tempered match which exploded into a brawl after 27 minutes. Great Britain led 8-6 at one stage

Davies scores 14 in first full game

The astonishing rise of Hull under their Australian coach, Brian Smith, continued at Salford yesterday with an 18-6 victory which consolidates Hull's hold on fourth place and keeps them on the heels of Castleford, Leeds and Widnes (Keith Macklin writes). Blacker and Nolan scored the Hull tries and Pearce continued his excellent kicking form with five goals.

The other first division games saw defeats for **Hull Kingston Rovers**, **Halifax** and **Oldham**, which keep the three clubs in deep relegation trouble.

Widnes beat **Oldham** 38-14. Jonathan Davies, in his first full game for Widnes, repaid some of his transfer fee with 14 points from a try and five goals.

The **Halifax** decline continued at **Bradford**, where Northern won 30-18. **Hull Kingston Rovers** slumped again at home to **Warrington**, 17-7.

In the second division **Bramley** enhanced their prospects of promotion by ending the winning streak of **Sheffield Eagles**. Bramley won 13-9.

WHITBREAD TROPHY: France 8, Great Britain 30 (Avignon).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford Northern 13, Halifax 9; Hull KR 7, Warrington 17; Salford 6, Hull 18; Widnes 38, Oldham 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	14	12	1	1	389	208	25
Widnes	15	12	0	3	441	181	24
Leeds	17	12	0	5	379	230	24
Hull	18	12	0	6	272	249	24
St Helens	17	9	1	7	350	317	19
Wigan	14	8	0	6	308	282	16
Salford	18	8	0	10	341	401	16
Featherstone	16	8	0	8	280	356	16
Bradford N	15	7	0	8	330	309	14
Warrington	17	7	0	10	307	307	14
Wakefield	17	5	1	11	233	386	11
Hull KR	17	5	0	12	282	425	10
Oldham	18	4	1	13	296	431	9
Halifax	17	4	0	13	191	335	8

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 13, Sheffield 9; Carlisle 20, Keighley 4; Chorley 10, Hunslet 13; Dewsbury 10, Whitehaven 12; Doncaster 48, Runcorn 12; Fulham 26, Mansfield 12; Huddersfield 1, York 17; Rochdale 12, Leigh 50; Swinton 12, Barrow 31; Workington 6, Batley 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh	20	18	0	2	703	239	36
Barrow	19	16	1	2	485	197	33
Sheffield	18	12	1	5	454	218	25
Bramley	19	12	1	6	464	288	25
Doncaster	17	12	0	5	436	262	24
York	18	11	1	6	427	242	23
Swinton	19	10	2	7	424	351	22
Whitehaven	19	10	2	7	336	281	22
Carlisle	20	10	1	9	356	303	21
Rochdale	19	9	0	10	434	478	18
Batley	19	7	3	9	299	300	17
Keighley	18	8	0	10	335	437	16
Dewsbury	20	8	0	12	323	514	16
Chorley	20	7	1	12	315	374	15
Hunslet	18	7	1	10	279	350	15
Workington	17	6	1	10	243	337	13
Fulham	18	6	0	12	295	410	12
Huddersfield	19	5	1	13	287	469	11
Mansfield	21	4	1	16	238	563	9
Runcorn	20	2	1	17	188	698	5

SWIMMING

Fibbens has a double reason to celebrate

From Steven Downes, Paris

The organizers of the World Cup meeting here thought they had saved the best to last. With a vase valued at £1,000, donated by President Mitterand, for the winner, the men's 100 metres freestyle final was stage-managed to be a celebration of the talents of France's Olympic bronze medal winner, Stephan Caron. Instead, Mike Fibbens claimed a victory that saw him partying well into the evening.

At the first time of asking, the tall Londoner was slow down to his mark, and Caron, drawn beside him, made a false start. At the second attempt, Fibbens was first away, and Caron was left frozen to his blocks.

It was a half-second lead which the Frenchman could never quite recover, and although Fibbens tied up down the final 25 metres the Englishman held on to win on the touch.

No one from Britain has ever gone faster in an individual race, and this victory and Saturday's British record of 54.00sec in winning the 100 metres butterfly, firmly establish him as the fastest Briton in the water.

Joanne Deakins produced yet another personal best in the 200 metres backstroke final, missing Kathy Read's recent national record by less than 0.6sec, while in the women's 100 metres breastroke final, third-placed Maggie Hohmann — at 32, twice Deakins's age — broke 70 seconds for the first time

RESULTS: MEN: Freestyle: 100m: 1, M Fibbens (Eng), 49.02sec. Semi-finalists: N Metcalfe (Eng), 51.22; S McQuaid (Scot), 51.94. 400m: 1, A Matzk (EG), 3:48.20; 8, K Turner (Ire), 3:57.99. B final: 3, P Henry (Scot), 3:58.17. 800m: 1, C Bordeau (Fr), 8:00.89; 7, R Noble (Scot), 8:22.73. Backstroke: 100m: 1, F Schott (Fr), 56.02; 2, S Cullen (Ire), 58.12 (Irish record). Semi-finalists: C Cockcroft (Eng), 59.14; M Peyrebrune (Scot), 59.51. 200m: 1, T Weber (EG), 2:00.38; 2, S Cullen, 2:00.62 (Irish record). B final: 3, J Kerr (Scot), 2:07.43; 7, A O'Connor (Ire), 2:09.80. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, C Poswiat (EG), 1:01.06; 4, I Campbell (Scot), 1:02.39; 6, G O'Toole (Ire), 1:03.12 (Irish record). Butterfly: 100m: 1, Fibbens, 54.00 (British record). Semi-finalists: E Stewart (Scot), 57.45. 200m: R Szukala (Pol), 1:58.91. B final: 4, Henry, 2:07.13; 5, N Waterson (Scot), 2:07.40. Individual medley: 200m: F Lefevre (Fr), 2:02.84. B final: 3, A Greig (Scot), 2:07.71; 5, D Byrne (Ire), 2:09.43. 400m: 1, Lefevre, 4:17.48; 7, Greig, 4:33.61. B final: 7, Byrne, 4:38.37. 4 x 100m medley relay: 1, France, 3:44.38; 2, Ireland, 3:47.95; 3, Scotland, 3:49.85; 4, England, 3:50.76.
WOMEN: Freestyle: 100m: M Stellmach (EG), 55.67. Semi-finalist: J Coull (Eng), 58.22. 400m: 1, I Dalby (Nor), 4:08.88. B final: 1, N Campbell (Ire), 4:23.10 (Irish record); 4, C Smith (Wales), 4:25.23; 6, E Gillian (Scot), 4:27.87. 1,500m: C Janssens (Bel), 16:43.84. Backstroke: 100m: 1, A Mahoney (US), 1:02.83; 7, J Deakins (Eng), 1:04.72. Semi-finalists: N O'Connor (Ire), 1:06.14; L Phimister (Scot), 1:06.21. 200m: 1, B Barr (US), 2:13.11; 3, Deakins, 2:14.88. B final: 5, L Phimister (Scot), 2:23.45; 7, N O'Connor (Ire), 2:24.11. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, G Cloutier (Can), 1:09.56; 3, M Hohmann (Eng), 1:09.88. Semi-finalist: J Henwood (Wales) 1:12.73 (Welsh record). Butterfly: 100m: Qian Hong (China), 1:00.28. 200m: M Jacobsen (Den), 2:12.39. B final: 8, N Campbell (Scot), 2:23.64. Individual medley: 200m: Li Lin (China), 2:15.20. B final: 5, H Mansfield (Wal), 2:22.52 (Heat: 2:22.32, Welsh record). 400m: Li Lin, 4:43.94. 4 x 100m medley relay: Canada, 4:12.95.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NEW YORK: Millrose Games (winners, US unless stated): Men: High jump: J Jacoby, 2.31m. 400m: A McKay, 47.28. 800m: G Kersh, 1:48.22. Mile: M O'Sullivan (Ire), 3:54.27. 600m: I Morris, 1:08.42. 55m: L McRae, 6.14. 1,500m: S Hoogewerf (Can), 2:19.92. Pole vault: G Yegorov (USSR), 5.70m. 3,000m: S Aouita (Mor), 7:47.07. 500m: M Everett, 1:00.02. Shot put: R Barnes, 22.13m. Women: 800m: J Clark, 2:00.03. 400m: D Dixon, 53.44. 55m hurdles: J Joyner-Kersee, 7.37. Shot put: C Garrett, 18.59m. 55m: G Torrence, 6.66. Mile: P Ivan (Rom), 4:23.72. High jump: L Ritter, 1.97m.
OITA, Japan: Beppu-Oita Mainichi marathon: 1, S Shimizu (Japan), 2:12:26; 2, Y Tokitsu (Japan), 2:12:35; 3, F Shinohara (Japan), 2:12:41.
GOMEL, USSR: Soviet national indoor championships: Pole vault: R Gataullin (USSR), 6.02m (world record).
ST ANDREWS: Scottish Students cross-country championships: Men 7.5 miles: 1, C Sweeney (Birmingham), 38min 04sec; 2, B Hussain (Crewe and Alsager), 38:27; 3, D Heath (Loughborough), 38:28. Team: Loughborough. Women 2.5 miles: 1, V Vaughan (Oxford), 17:48; 2, L Hollick (Loughborough), 18:27; 3, S Pilling (Oxford) 18:48. Team: Oxford, 20pts.
AMOREBIETA, Spain: International 7 mile cross-country race: 1, T Hutchings (Eng), 32:40; 2, H Bulbula (Eth), 32:50; 3, A Gomez (Sp), 32:54; 4, G Staines, (Eng) 32:57; 5, G Curtis (Ire), 33:14. Women (2.9 miles): 1, H Titterington (Eng), 14:29; 2, K McLeod (Scot), 14:47.
WATFORD: Half marathon: 1, G Spring (Luton United), 1:07.00. Team: Watford Harriers, 23pts. Women: 1, M Brayley (Grange, Cambridge) 1:17:54.
BOURNEMOUTH: Southern women's cross-country championship, 6.1km race: 1, C Kennedy (Parkside), 23:00; 2, M Sutton (Plymouth), 23:25; 3, D Bradford (GEC Avionics) 23:41. Team: Aldershot, Farnham and District 92pts.
BRISTOL: Gwent league 10km cross-country race: 1, B Matthews (Barry and Vale), 30:46; 2, D McGrath (Westbury H), 30:58; 3, G Whadock (Westbury H), 31:06.
ALDERSHOT: South of The Thames championship 8 mile cross-country race: 1, M Harris (Portsmouth), 41:25sec; 2, J Watson (Thames, Hare and Hounds), 42:11; 3, D Steedmorrow (Herne Hill), 42:15. Team: 1, Herne Hill Harriers, 51.
KINGSBURY: North of The Thames championship 7 mile cross-country race: 1, T Maher (London Irish), 34:48; 2, K Miller (Luton United), 35:05; 3, J Strerban (Shaftesbury/Barnet), 35:34. Team: 1, London Irish, 79.
WINDSOR GREAT PARK: Chiltern cross-country league 5 miles race: 1, K Usher (Hounslow), 28.46; 2, K Hayes (Milton Keynes), 28.47; 3, P Daly (Bracknell), 29.19. Team: 1, Windsor, 1,133.
CHESTER-LE-STREET 6.6 miles road race: 1, K Utall (Houghton), 33:48; 2, I Bloomfield (Chester-le-Street), 33:54; 3, P Urwin (Chester-le-Street), 34:00. Team: Chester-le-Street, 20. Women (2.2 miles): H Robinson (Chester-le-Street) 13:09. Team: Chester-le-Street, 36.

BADMINTON

CRAWLEY: Oracle UK English National Championships: Men: Singles, third round: P Smith (Surrey) bt P Knowles (Kent), 7-15, 15-8 18-16; N Pazzaar (Yorks) bt H Dyus (Surrey), 15-2, 15-6; A Nielsen (Surrey) bt K Jolly (Essex), 15-6, 15-3; M Adams (Yorks) bt P Bush (Sussex), 15-10, 15-12. Women: Singles, third round: J Mann (Warks) bt G Gowers (Herts), 4-11, 11-8 11-4; C Palmer (Hants) bt T Dineen (Essex), 11-1, 7-11, 11-0; S Hore (Hants) bt J Bradbury (Oxon), 11-8, 11-3; J Muggeridge (Kent) bt G Clark (Surrey), 11-6, 11-8.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Bracknell 108 (Scantlebury 20, James 17, Gordon 17), Solent 77 (Sewell 28); Hemel and Watford 72 (Duncan 23, Crosby 18), Glasgow 79 (Haye 28, Davies 19); Manchester Eagles 93 (Kiddes 21, Brown 18), Olympic City Giants 63 (Bona 18, Nelson 15); Livingston 105 (Way 18, Hill 18), Sunderland 90 (Saunders 29, Vaughan 28).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Birmingham 121, Tower Hamlets 81; Cheshire Jets 87, Plymouth 86; Corby 83, Oldham Celtics 108; Worthing 107, Stockport 76. Women's first division: Cardiff 49, Nottingham 58; Stockport 67, Northampton 74; Tyneside 77, Crystal Palace 52.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston Celtics 117, Washington Bullets 108; Charlotte Hornets 108, Seattle Supersonics 108; Cleveland Cavaliers 110, Sacramento Kings 94; Milwaukee Bucks 109, Indiana Pacers 91; Detroit Pistons 124, Philadelphia 76ers 108; Dallas Mavericks 121, Phoenix Suns 117; Houston Rockets 105, Chicago Bulls 98; Utah Jazz 129, New Jersey Nets 101; San Antonio Spurs 108, Los Angeles Clippers 101; Los Angeles Lakers 140, Portland Trail Blazers 120. Saturday: New York Knicks 113, Indiana Pacers 106; Milwaukee Bucks 113, Washington Capitals 102; Denver Nuggets 127, Utah Jazz 126; Golden State Warriors 116, Los Angeles Clippers 107; Portland Trail Blazers 137, San Antonio Spurs 108.

TABLE TENNIS

CHARLEROI, Belgium: European Top 12 tournament: Overall positions (after seven rounds): Men: 1, J-O Waldner (Swe), 7 wins; 2, E Lindh (Swe) and Ding Yi (Austria), 5; 3, D Douglas (GB), 2. Women: 1, C Batorfi (Hun), 6 wins; 2, O Nemes (WG), D Gueorguieva (Bul) A Satarova (Cz), 5.
LEEDS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Yorkshire 8, Cambridge 2; Norfolk 10, Warwickshire 0; Northumberland 7, Worcestershire 3; Hertfordshire 0, Essex 10; Avon 3, Kent 7; Dorset 5, Somerset 2; Suffolk 5, Middlesex 5.

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Harborne 0, Teddington 0; Havant 3, Old Loughtonians 0; Hounslow 1, East Grinstead 2; Indian Gymkhana 1, Bromley 0; ISCA 2, Stourport 1; Slough 3, Welton 3; Southgate 6, Warrington 1; Wakefield 1, Cambridge City 0. Second division: Anchorians 1, Reading 4; Brean 3, Richmond 2; Cannock 2, Gore Court 0; Doncaster 2, Bournville 3; Guildford 2, Canterbury 0; Neston 1, Broxbourne 2; Peterborough 1, Coventry and NW 3; Westcliff 0, Taunton Vale 1.
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON HOCKEY LEAGUE: Blackheath 3, Surbiton 1; Cambridge University 1, Beckenham 2; Cheam 1, Purley 2; Hampstead 2, Wimbledon 0; Maidenhead 2, Spencer 4; Mid-Surrey 2, London University 0; Tulse Hill 1, St Albans 1.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 0, West Herts 3; Blueharts 1, Colchester 0; Bury St Edmunds 1, Bishops Stortford 2; Chelmsford 3, Welwyn Garden City 0; Ford 2, Wisbech 0; Ipswich 0, Crostyx 1; Norfolk Wanderers 0, Harleston Magpies 2; Nor Grasshoppers 1, Camba Nomads 1.
ARTHUR YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 1, South Nottingham 1; Olton and West Warwicks 1, Kidderminster 0; Pickwick 0, Derby 1. First division: Aldridge 1, Kings Heath 1; North Stafford 1, Khalsa 2; Northampton Saints 2, Edgbaston 1; Nuneaton 0, Chesterfield 1; Stone 0, Nottingham 1; Streetly 1, Barford Tigers 7; Worcester Norton 0, Belper 3.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aylesbury GS 1, RGS High Wycombe 0; Bancroft 2, Haberdashers' Aske's 2; Bryanston 1, King Edward VI Southampton 0; Cheltenham College 2, Dean Close 3; Cheltenham 3, Magdalen College School 3; Churcher's 3, Bedales 3; Cranleigh 1, St George's, Weybridge 3; Eastbourne 2, Dulwich 0; Epsom 4, KCS Wimbledon 0; Felsted 8, Aldenham 0; Forest 3, Haileybury 1; Framlingham 2, Gresham's 1; Hurstpierpoint 3, Reigate GS 0; Kent College 5, Skinner's 0; King's, Canterbury 2, Cranbrook 2; King's, Rochester 0, Trinity, Croydon 1; Marlborough 2, Millfield 1; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 1, Berkhamsted 0; Perse 1, Bishop's Stortford 1; Ratcliffe 6, Nottingham HS 0; Sir Roger Manwood's 4, St Lawrence 2; Uppingham 2, The Leys 0; Wellington 5, Reeds 0; Winchester 1, Portsmouth GS 0; Ellesmere College 0, King's Macclesfield 4; Sandbach 2, Caldey College 0.
PERONI BEER SOUTH LEAGUE: Southern Premier League: Chichester 1, Sarisbury 2; Marden Russets 2, Old Midwhitgiftians 0; Old Tauntonians 3, Eastcote 2. Kent/Sussex Regional League: Herne Bay 2, Old Beccehamians 0. Sussex first division: Crawley 4, Hailsham 0; Crowborough 1, Southwick 3; Eastbourne 0, South Saxons 3. Berks, Bucks and Oxon first division: AERE Harwell 2, Headington 1; Tring 2, Farnham Common 1; Morris Motors 0, Milton Keynes 0; Richings Park 2 Newbury 2; Pressed Steel 0, Windsor 5. Kent first division: Wellcome 2, Old Holes 2; Reeds 1, Ashford 3; Britannic House 1, Catford 2; Bexleyheath 2, Midland Bank 0; Belvedere 1, New Eltham 2. Surrey first division: Camberley 0, Wallington 3; Croydon MO 3, Old Cranleighans 1; Old Reigatians 1, Raynes Park 2; Old Walcountians 2, Oxted 1; Wallington 3, Barclays Bank 2.
WOMEN'S SOUTH LEAGUE: First division: Ealing 2, Wimbledon 0; Slough 9, Trojans 0; Southampton 0, Bracknell 5; Winchmore Hill 0, Portsmouth 1.
SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 0, Swansea 0; Newport 1, Whitchurch 0; University College Swansea 2, Llanishen 4.
SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath Buccaneers 0, Hereford 1; East Devon 0, Plymouth 4; Exeter Crickets 0, Gloucester City 1; Firebrands 1, Cheltenham 0; Marlborough 1, Exeter University 1; Swindon 2, Westbury Banks 3; West Wilts 1, Mid Somerset 0. Women: Bournemouth 1, Wimborne 0; Clifton 0, East Gloucestershire 0; Exmouth 2, Exeter 0; Taunton 1, Leominster 2; Yate 5, New Sarum 1.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	11	10	0	1	22	3	30
Southgate	11	7	3	1	32	9	24
Indian Gym	11	6	3	2	18	12	21
Hounslow	11	6	2	3	33	15	20
O Loughtons	11	4	6	1	25	14	18
Welton	11	5	2	4	17	15	17
Bromley	11	4	4	3	16	14	16
Slough	11	4	4	3	14	15	16
Stourport	11	4	3	4	18	16	15
ISCA	11	5	0	6	14	25	15
Harborne	11	4	2	5	16	17	14
Teddington	11	4	2	5	14	16	14
East Grinstead	11	3	4	4	10	11	13
Wakefield	11	1	3	7	7	24	6
Cambridge	11	2	0	9	8	28	6
Warrington	11	0	0	11	8	37	0

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	11	9	1	1	28	6	28
Bournville	11	8	2	1	26	15	26
Brean	11	7	2	2	19	11	23
Cannock	11	7	1	3	23	11	22
Guildford	11	7	1	3	23	17	22
Taunton Vale	11	5	3	3	16	13	18
Richmond	11	5	1	5	25	22	16
Doncaster	11	5	1	5	21	20	16
Gore Court	11	4	4	3	8	8	16
Neston	11	4	2	5	22	22	14
Canterbury	11	4	1	6	7	15	13
Coventry/NW	11	3	3	5	16	18	12
Broxbourne	11	2	2	7	16	27	8
Peterborough	11	2	2	7	11	27	8
Anchorians	11	1	2	8	10	23	5
Westcliff	11	1	0	10	4	20	3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: St Louis Blues 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 3 (ot); Washington Capitals 1, Hartford Whalers 0; Boston Bruins 4, Winnipeg Jets 2; Edmonton Oilers 8, Detroit Red Wings 5. Saturday: Quebec Nordiques 5, Minnesota North Stars 3; New York Islanders 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Calgary Flames 5, Vancouver Canucks 2; Montreal Canadiens 7, New York Rangers 5; Chicago Black Hawks 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Los Angeles Kings 3, Buffalo Sabres 3.

FOOTBALL

Yesterday
Barclays League
First division

MAN UTD (0) 1 TOTTENHM (0) 0
McClair 41,423

Second division

SWINDON (1) 3 OXFORD (0) 0
McLoughlin, MacLaren, Calderwood 10,227

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Charterhouse 3, Osterley 1; Douai 7, Clifton 4.

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Bell Cup: 1, D Samuels (GB), 155.19; 2, P Mueller (Switz), 155.56; 3, J Crawford (US), 155.69. Other British: 6, J Hodgson, 156.89. Morgan Cup: 1, F Gansser (Switz), 165.48; 2, C Bertschinger (Switz), 155.86; 3, G Cattaneo (Switz), 156.86. British: 8, A Boyd-Gibbins, 158.58.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Second day (Bridgetown): Windward Islands 231 and 0 for 0; Barbados 368 (C Best 136, T Payne 70, T Kentish 5-110). (Kingston): Jamaica 523 for nine dec (C Davidson 200 n.o., D Morgan 111, M Tucker 61); Leeward Islands 128 for five (R Otto 48 n.o.).

CURLING

AYR: Scottish junior championship: Men: Semi-finals: A Manuel (Gogar Park) 6, D Scott (Atholl) 5; A Cousland (Aberdeen) 5, G Irons (Stranraer) 4. Final: Manuel 4, Cousland 3. Women: semi-finals: C Hutchison (Greenacres) 5, K Addison (Greenacres) 4; G Barr (Gogar Park) 7, D Lyle (Inverness) 3. Final: Hutchison 9, Barr 5.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Team Fife 0, Kinleith Plant 3; Krystal Kiear 3, Team Novasport 0; Su Ragazzi 3, Elliot Sports Jets 0; Scottish Farm 3, Sefeisi Cardinals 2; Bon Accord 0, East Kilbride 3. Women: First division: Scottish Farm 3, Strathkelvin 0; Glasgow Bannerman 3, Wheatsheaf Jets 2; Inverclyde 3, Carluke Brannock 0; Deloitte Haddeheld 0, Kyle 3.

WATER POLO

EALING: Women's international tournament: Hanover 11, Stretford 12; Stretford 2, Potters Bar 17; Berlin 23, Menzieshill 2; Potters Bar 13, RSV Hanover 10; Berlin 16, Coventry 6. Final: Potters Bar 9, Berlin 10. Third place play-off: Stretford 10, Coventry 8.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Celestion amateur doubles championship: First round: M Brooks and P Baily bt S Kverndal and J Symonds, 15-8, 15-11, 15-10, 15-6; F Satow and R Hollington bt D Watkins and A Prenn, 15-3, 15-2, 15-10, 18-15; R Mason and S Shenkman bt W Donger and B Hall, 15-7, 15-2, 15-4, 15-4. Second round: T Brudenell and M Hue Williams bt J Nance and S Davies, 15-8, 15-4, 15-11, 17-16.

REAL TENNIS

HATFIELD: Browning Cup (Handicap professional singles): Quarter-finals: J Hryslos bt A Phillips, 6-2, 6-0; N Wood bt S Ronaldson, 6-3, 6-1; C Bray bt M Hayward, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; K King bt C Ronaldson, 6-0, 6-3. Semi-finals: Hryslos bt Wood, 6-2, 5-6, 6-0; Bray bt King, 6-5, 6-2. Final: Bray bt Hryslos, 6-1, 6-5.

ROWING

HENLEY FOURS HEAD OF THE RIVER (Winners): Men: Coxless: Open: Thames, 12min 03sec. Senior one: Imperial College, 12:34. Senior two: Imperial College, 12:58. Coxed: Open: Imperial College, 12:27. Senior three: University of London, 12:55. Junior: Shiplake College, 12:48. Women: Open: Civil Service, 15:43. Senior two: Univ of London, 14:50. Senior three: Southampton Univ, 16:07. Coastal: BTC Southampton, 14:33. Junior: George Watson College, 16:41. Veteran: Upper Thames, 13:08.

RUGBY LEAGUE

CARPENTRAS, France: Under-21 international match: France 16, Great Britain 8.
BODSTOCK AMATEUR NATIONAL LEAGUE: Leigh Miners' Welfare 24, Dudley Hill 10; Wigan St Patrick's 26, Heworth 18; West Hull 22, Pilkington's 10.

SQUASH RACKETS

HELSINKI: Finnish Open tournament: Quarter-finals: Men: Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt R Watt (NZ), 17-14, 17-14, 15-12; H Jahan (Eng) bt S Halstone (Scot), 15-12, 13-15, 15-17, 15-6, 15-11; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak), 15-7, 9-15, 15-10, 15-4; R Martin (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus), 17-16, 15-13, 15-7. Women: D Drady (Aus) bt R Lambourne (Aus), 15-10, 15-13, 15-12; L Irving (Aus) bt R Bedford (Aus), 15-7, 15-5, 13-15, 15-7; M Martin (Aus) bt S Brady (Aus), 15-8, 15-13, 15-13, 15-10, 15-11; L Opie (Eng) bt S Fitzgerald (Aus), 15-10, 13-15, 15-10, 15-11.
EDINBURGH: Standard Life Telequest International: Final: C Dittmar (Aus) bt Jansher Khan (Pakistan), 15-11, 16-13, 18-14. Third-place play-off: C Robertson (Aus) bt M Maclean (Scot), 15-9, 14-15, 15-17, 15-17, 15-6.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: France 4, Israel 1 (French names first: H Leconte bt G Bloom, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Y Noah lost to A Mansdorf, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3); Spain 3, Mexico 2 (Spanish names first: E Sanchez lost to L Lavalle, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; J Arrese bt F Maciel, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; Arrese lost to Lavalle, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Sanchez bt Maciel, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 7-5; Sanchez and S Casal bt Lavalle and S Lozano, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1); Yugoslavia 4, Denmark 1 (Yugoslav names first: B Oresar bt T Sorensen, 6-2, 6-3; G Ivanisevic lost to F Fetterlein, 0-6, 6-3, 11-9); West Germany 5, Indonesia 0 (German names first: B Becker bt T Arianto Wibowo, 6-2, 7-5; C-U Steeb bt Abdul Kahar Mim, 6-2, 6-2); Sweden 3, Italy 1 (Swedish names first: M Pernfors bt M Narducci, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-7, 6-3; Pernfors lost to Omar Camporese, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; J Gunnarsson and A Jarryd bt Camporese and D Nargiso, 7-6, 7-5, 6-4); Czechoslovakia 4, Soviet Union 1 (Czech names first: M Mecir lost to A Volkov, 6-2, 6-7, 6-0; M Srejber bt A Tcherkassov, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4). American group: The Bahamas 3, Venezuela 0; Colombia 2, Cuba 1. European/African group: Hungary 4, Zimbabwe 1; Portugal 5, Senegal 0. Asia/Oceania group: Bahrain 4, Syria 1; Bangladesh 2, Iraq 1; Kuwait 4, Jordan 1.
TOKYO: Pan Pacific Open women's tournament: Singles final: M Navratilova (US) bt L McNeil (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6. Doubles final: K Adams and Z Garrison (US) bt M J Fernandez (US) and C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.
AUCKLAND: Women's international tournament: Singles final: P Fendick (US) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-2, 6-0.

NETBALL

EAST KILBRIDE: International matches: Scotland 13, England 69. Under-18: Scotland 30, England 67.

LACROSSE

YORK: Women's junior territorial tournament: Final positions: 1, Midlands; 2, East; 3, West; 4, South; 5, North; 6, Scots.

CYCLING

SHEFFIELD: British Cyclo-Cross Association inter-regional team championship (13 miles): 1, Yorkshire A, 38 pts; 2, London, 60; 3, Midlands A, 70. Individual placings: 1, B Clarke (London) 1:04.40; 2, S Barnes (Midlands A), 1:05.28; 3, S Knight (Midlands A), 1:05.47.

BOWLS

ANGLIA SECURE HOMES NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Paddington 86, Atherley Southampton 65; Ipswich 97, St Neots 75; Bristol 67, Plymouth 72; Boston 79, Darlington 72.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm, Glencoe, Glenshee and the Lecht: Still not enough snow for skiing. Forecast: A wet and windy day is expected across all skiing areas; south-westerly wind will reach or exceed 50 m.p.h. and will be accompanied by periods of rain, which will probably turn to snow during the day; freezing level will be above the summits at first but will fall to around 3,000ft later. Outlook: Cloudy with outbreaks of sleet or snow.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

CLUB CALL CUP: Fourth round: Hyde v Stafford.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Bognor (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: English national championships (Crawley).
RACKETS: Celestion amateur doubles championship (Queen's Club, West London).
TENNIS: Men's challenger tournament (Telford).

SPORT ON TV

BOBSLEIGH: Eurosport 3.0 and 9.30pm: World championships from Cortina, Italy.
BOWLS: ITV 11.35pm-12.30am: Cockney classic from Desborough.
CRICKET: Eurosport 4 and 11.30pm: Australia v West Indies.
CYCLING: Eurosport 1.30pm: World cyclo-cross championships.
ICE SKATING: Eurosport 6pm: European figure championships.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 9pm: Shell international motor sport.
RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 10.30pm: Five nations' championship.
SKIING: BBC2 4.55-5.40 and 7.30-8.10pm. Eurosport 12.30, 2.0 and 7pm: World championships from Vail, United States.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1-2am (tomorrow): Boxing: WBA welterweight championship: Juan Coggi (Arg, holder) v Harold Brazier (US). Football: Weekend round-up.
TENNIS: Eurosport 10.30am: Davis Cup.

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Lyle in driving seat at Riviera

From John Ballantine
Los Angeles

Sandy Lyle held a two-stroke lead over Mark Calcavecchia after the rain-delayed third round of the $1 million Nissan Los Angeles Open was completed early yesterday on a bright, crisp morning at the Riviera golf course on Sunset Boulevard.

Lyle, who had nine holes to complete after being able to finish only half his third round before darkness drew a blanket over the proceedings just before 6pm on Saturday, finished strongly yesterday with three birdies in an inward half of 33. His round of 68 gave him a total of 202, 11 under par.

Calcavecchia pitched in at the last hole for a birdie and for a 70 to stand second on 204 while Hale Irwin, Steve Pate and Fred Couples were four behind Lyle as the final round got under way just before noon.

Nick Faldo, who had started at the short 14th after completing 13 holes on Saturday, struck immediately with a six-iron to 15 feet and holed for a quick birdie. But the 1987 Open champion dropped a stroke at the 15th where he was unable to get up and, although he pitched to 20 feet and holed for a birdie at the long 17th, he took three putts on the last green from 30 feet to finish with 68 at five under par.

Lyle, who, like everyone else, had had to rise around 5am to prepare for the 7.30am "shotgun start", played indifferently at first. He missed a reasonable birdie putt on the 10th green and after a wayward drive into the eucalyptus trees at the long 11th, he had to lay up short of the barranca, or dried up creek, and he pushed his approach well right of the green. But he pitched close to save his par.

The Scot began to show signs of interest at the 12th, where the crowd roared as his long putt from just off the green struck the hole, which still had the flag stake in it, and jumped out a few inches away. He holed from three feet after a superb pitch at the 13th and got another birdie from 20 feet at the 15th where his putt entered by the side door.

He sank an awkward side hill 15-footer at the 17th to get to 11 under and it seemed likely he would go into the clubhouse for a quick sandwich with a three-stroke lead until Calcavecchia pitched in.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES: (US unless stated): 202: A Lyle (GB), 68, 66, 68. 204: M Calcavecchia, 68, 66, 70. 206: H Irwin, 70, 67, 69; S Pate, 67, 71, 68; F Couples, 69, 68, 69. 207: P Blackmar, 68, 70, 67. 208: N Faldo (G), 72, 68, 68. 213: B Langer (WG), 70, 71, 72. Failed to qualify after two rounds: 153: K Brown (GB), 79, 74.

MELBOURNE: Victorian open championship: Leading final scores (Australian unless stated): 285: M Clayton. 287: D Moore. 293: W Smith. 295: B Franklin (Can); C Parry. 294: R Rafferty (Ire). 306: R Claydon (GB).

SINGAPORE: Dunhill Cup: Qualifying round: Final: Asian zone: Chinese Taipei 2, New Zealand 1. Third place play-off: South Korea 2, Singapore 1.

European zone: France 2, Sweden 1. Third place play-off: Italy 3, West Germany 0. Americas zone: Canada 2, Argentina 1. Third place play-off: Colombia 3, Brazil 0.

● NEW ORLEANS: Prize-money at this year's United States Open has been raised by $100,000 to $1.1 million (AFP reports).

A cruel facial for Honeyghan

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

The lights of Las Vegas lost their charm for Lloyd Honeyghan on Saturday night. He was booked to see Diana Ross at Caesars Palace after defending his World Boxing Council welterweight title against Marlon Starling, of the United States. Instead he paid a visit to Valley Hospital.

He was taken there with a suspected fracture of the cheekbone after the bout was stopped in the ninth round. An X-ray test revealed no broken bones but he was given pain-killing injections for severe bruising of the right side of his face and sent home under sedation. He is likely to fly home today

As the defeated champion sat in the small square dressing-room of the Caesars Palace Sports Hall, waiting for a limousine to take him to the hospital, he held his head and kept repeating: "He got a nerve, he got a nerve. Every time he hit me, even a flick, it was like a knife going through my face."

Wearing a blue British schoolboy raincoat and a red cap, he stared down at the floor. He looked like a refugee without a future waiting at a railway station. His manager, Mickey Duff, said: "He needs a long rest and a heart-searching talk with himself. He has made a few quid."

If that was a pointer at retirement, Honeyghan did not respond. Nor was he thinking of the $750,000 (about £420,000) he received for his pains. Shaking his head, he said: "I just want my children."

He looked up for a moment through bloodshot eyes. The right side of his face was misshapen, like an old shoe. "I feel like Frank Bruno," he said, remembering Bruno's swollen face after his defeat by Tim Witherspoon.

He cursed Las Vegas as he recalled four other British boxers over the years who have also been taken to Valley Hospital: Minter, Hope, Boza-Edwards and McGuigan. Under Honeyghan's right eye was a squiggle of a blackening haematoma. Over his left eye was a lump like a cyst about to burst.

They were the marks of the leathering he had taken from Starling for six of the nine rounds of the contest. "The referee stopped it at just the right moment," Duff said. "I would have thrown in the towel if Mills Lane had not stopped it."

Honeyghan blamed his performance, which never lacked in courage, on the injury to his cheek. He said it happened in the fourth round.

The injury might have been a contributory factor, but it and other injuries were the result of his boxing without due regard to basic skills or to the strong points of his opponent. No wonder Mark Breland, who knocked out Seung Soon Lee in one round on the same bill, said: "Anyone who punches straight will beat Honeyghan."

There were serious flaws in his punching and tactics. Apart from using the jab in the first round, which he won, he tended to go in with flat swings. He was unable to turn the fist to hit with the knuckle part of the glove for fear, consciously or subconsciously, of aggravating the arthritis in his hands. For much of the contest he boxed with one hand. There is something wrong with Honeyghan's right hand, for he does not punch correctly with it.

Besides the faulty punching, he made two other tactical errors that led to his being outmanoeuvred, outboxed and outpunched. He stood head to head for three rounds, trying to punch it out. Such blows were not in the best interests of his arthritic hands or his face. Starling took most of the punches on his elbows and all the while drove upwards through the middle short, quick, piston-like shots. The computer showed that Honeyghan threw 695 punches and landed 107, while Starling was successful with 200 out of 537.

In the fifth round Honeyghan turned southpaw, just as he had done in the disastrous first contest with Jorge Vaca, of Mexico, in London. But Starling, being a "switch-hitter", soon had Honeyghan at the end of a left-right combination that sent his mouthpiece spinning into the expensive seats and pushed him on to the ropes. Honeyghan was back to orthodox in the sixth. This time his gumshield was sent flying across the ring.

From the moment he started jabbing and swinging from a wide base in the first round, it was clear that Honeyghan was not going to win. Eddie Futch, Starling's trainer, was right when he said two days before the bout that Honeyghan's swinging style was "made to order".

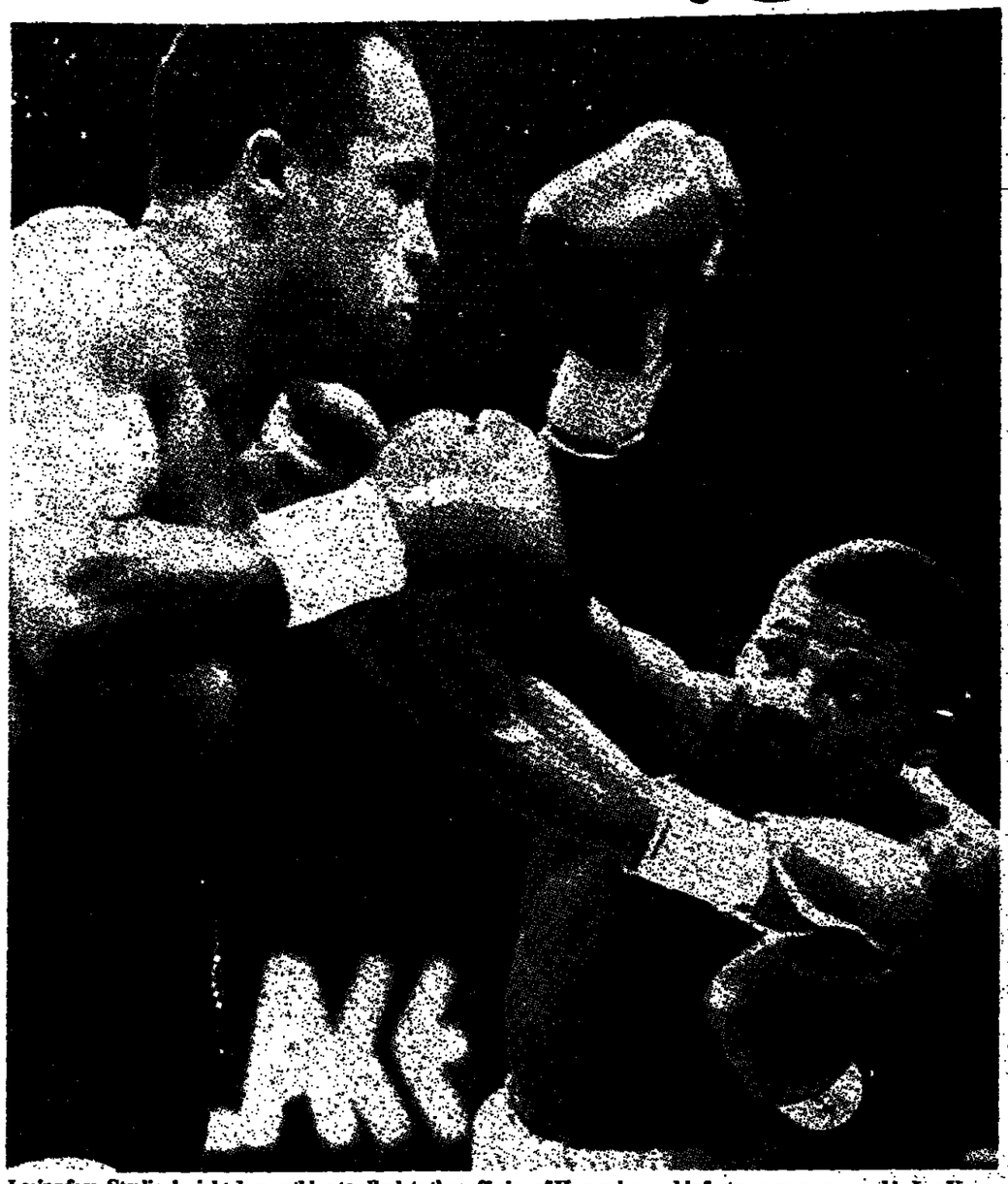
Starling boxed beautifully, with his elbows close to his body and his gloves by his head. He kept piling up points with neat little uppercuts and short, stabbing hooks. Honeyghan's best round was the first, when he jabbed solidly, and his best moment came in the third, when Starling dropped his hands to "showboat", and Honeyghan let fly a right hand. That caught Starling high on the temple and stopped him in his tracks; but Honeyghan was too slow to follow up.

In the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds Honeyghan ran round the ring, having run out of ideas, and his right eye was closed. Starling screwed two more rights into the champion's face. His jaw was now lop-sided and in the interval after the eighth round a doctor examined it.

In the ninth Honeyghan was caught by three right hands and a left and he slipped to the floor, his arms running down Starling's body. He rose at six, took a count of eight and, as he tried to gather himself, he was driven to the other side of the ring. As Honeyghan, his nose bleeding, waved his arms about in confusion and Starling started to pile in again, the referee stepped in.

The bad blood and bad-mouthing was over. Honeyghan put his arms around Starling and said: "Well done." And he added: "We are fighters. Once the fight's over, we have to act like fighters."

OTHER RESULTS: Featherweight: Ed Hopson (US) bt Marcos Covarrubias (US), pts. Light-welter: Carl Daniels (US) bt Matt Trejo (US), pts; Rafael Pineda (Col) bt Yogi Buchanan (US), rsc 4th rnd. Welter (WBA world championship): Mark Breland (US) bt Seung-Soon Lee (S Korea), rsc 1st rnd. Middle: John Mugabi (Uganda) ko Frank Cantarito (Mex), 2nd rnd; Willie Monroe (US) bt Kevin Johnson (US), rsc 2nd rnd.



Losing face: Starling's right does nothing to alleviate the suffering of Honeyghan as his features are rearranged in Las Vegas

END COLUMN

Gooch is keen to remain captain

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

Graham Gooch has been widely misunderstood during his turbulent cricket career but never more so than this past weekend. Half the nation, it appears, has been led to believe that Gooch is ready and willing to give up the most coveted job in the game. Do not believe a word of it.

Headlines such as "Gooch ready to quit" and "Gooch prepares to stand down" have both mystified and infuriated the England captain. He wishes to set the record straight. Whatever you may have read or heard to the contrary, Gooch is definitely not resigned to the idea of handing in his stripes.

"Of course I want to keep the captaincy," he told *The Times* yesterday. "It upsets me that anyone should imagine otherwise. I would love to lead England against Australia this summer and maybe even in the Caribbean next winter. I have absolutely no intention of standing down."

The confusion, or the mischief-making, if you prefer, arose from one of many quotable remarks uttered last week by Ted Dexter, England cricket's chairman-in-waiting. Having, in his refreshingly forthright style, offered personal views on everything from the selection to sexual habits of Test cricketers, Dexter touched on the matter of captaincy.

Passing, perhaps significantly but more likely to collect his thoughts, Dexter simply mused that Gooch, the incumbent, had little leadership experience and that it was "a very open question" as to who might do the job this summer.

Dexter, it is believed, favours a return to David Gower, a distracted batting genius and gregarious socialite who might just remind him of himself. He has not, however, said as much. Indeed, in yet another interview over the weekend, Dexter was again pressed on



Gooch: man in possession

the matter and responded by saying: "The man in possession is usually favourite to continue."

This came a day too late to save Gooch from stories which were, to borrow a phrase, economical with the truth. Having been asked for his reaction to Dexter's remarks, Gooch was staggered by the interpretation. "It is one thing to say I am willing to play for England under any captain, which naturally I am. It is quite another thing to suggest I am prepared to step down.

"It always angers me when anyone gives or receives the impression that I am indifferent to the honour of playing for England, let alone captaining them. Test cricket means a great deal to me – it motivates me and is my biggest single reason for staying in the game. Captaining England has given me another dimension to enjoy and I will not lightly give it up."

Dexter's public views on the subject are, in fact, relatively mild, as Gooch is quick to appreciate. The prospective supremo said: "If Graham had taken the team to India this winter and done well, there would be no doubts. But the tour did not take place – that is why the job remains open."

On one matter, at least, Dexter and Gooch are certain to get along fine. Both are greatly in favour of initiating a system of contracts for a settled squad of England players. Gooch explains: "We have been heading in this direction for some time but now that winter employment in South Africa is out of bounds for Test players, it must be to everyone's advantage to establish a secure and settled squad, contracted for one year or even more."

Did this mean that Gooch was going back on his long-avowed intention to miss all future tours of the West Indies, if indeed he was ever to tour again at all? "I certainly don't discount touring next winter," he says. "I have got plenty of enthusiasm for the game and if the team is being organized on more professional lines, I would like to continue to play a part." This, certainly, did not sound like a man who is ready to quit.

Robson's plans survive loss of five players

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson flies to Athens this morning without five of his original England choices but with his plans almost intact. Only the absence of Adams, who suffered a recurrence of a back injury at Highbury on Saturday, will substantially alter his cast against Greece on Wednesday.

Adams held two notable distinctions. Not only was the Arsenal central defender one of the most regular representatives (he had appeared in the last 11 fixtures, a sequence matched by Bryan Robson) but he is also, significantly over the last 15 months, the national team's leading scorer with four goals.

Bobby Robson otherwise loses Waddle, who injured his groin yesterday, and three understudies, the victims of various leg strains. Dorigo and Snodin were included as cover at full back and Davis was recalled to protect the left side of midfield. Pallister was yesterday invited to assume the role of substitute.

Although the damage to the intended line-up is minimal, the changes from the experimental side held in Saudi Arabia last November will inevitably be extensive. Seaman, Sterland, and Thomas, the debutants chosen in Riyadh, will be replaced by the experienced Shilton, the holder of 102 caps, Stevens and Webb respectively.

Of the defensive unit only Pearce will be retained. He happens to be the least effective member. Butcher, unavailable because of club commitments three months ago, is expected to be partnered in the middle by Walker, aged 23, of Nottingham Forest, who has yet to start an international.

Rocastle's contribution in the Arabian desert was undistinguished, but he will keep his place on the right and, with Bryan Robson, will at least maintain some continuity in midfield. Webb, since making his full debut in the 8-0 defeat of Turkey more than a year ago, has been the captain's principal foil.

Although Beardsley and Lineker are both available, Bobby Robson may choose to break up his usual front line which has recently fallen far below expectations. Since the 4-1 victory in Yugoslavia, 15 months ago, for instance, their collective fire power is no greater than that of Adams.

Beardsley is no longer considered the first choice by his club, and was omitted for the second time by Liverpool on Saturday, he has only one international goal to his credit in his last 11 appearances.

● Injury has forced O'Leary, of Arsenal, and Sheedy, of Everton, to withdraw from the Republic of Ireland squad for the match against France

United's goal awakens Tottenham too late

By Ian Ross

Manchester United..... 1
Tottenham Hotspur..... 0

A performance of honest endeavour, if limited skill, was sufficient to move Manchester United into fifth place in the first division yesterday. But it left the impression of a young team gamely seeking the acceptance of its fickle public, rather than one of a team expecting to bridge the 11-point gap between itself and the leaders, Arsenal.

United deserved to win a game which was rarely fluent and often unattractive. Tottenham, despite the enthusiasm of Allen and the flair of Waddle, failed to take the initiative when their opponents lost the midfield dominance which they had worked so hard to secure.

Tottenham awoke only after falling behind to McClair's goal in the 57th minute, but their belated involvement was to no avail, because the United players had already glimpsed the finishing line and adapted their tactics accordingly.

United's recent injury problems have cleared to such an extent that Alex Ferguson, the manager, is able to accommodate both McClair and Hughes in a forward line which, when supplemented by the orthodox but productive wing-play of Milne, is full of promise.

Since his return from Barcelona, where he failed to flourish under Terry Venables, now the manager of Tottenham, Hughes has been a revelation and has displaced Sharp, of Everton, as the most robust and effective forward in the English game.

Tottenham, aware of the tenacity with which the Welshman will pursue lost causes, shadowed Hughes's every step at Old Trafford, but they could not prevent him stamping his authority on a game of ponderous approach play and erratic finishing.

With both midfields guilty of over-elaboration, particularly in the first half, and forwards seeking penalties rather than goals, the stalemate seemed likely to last for as long as the television cameras cared to roll.

The game's only goal was greeted with relief. For once a United move of consequence was not halted by a linesman's flag. Bruce fed Strachan down the right flank and his first-time cross was swept home at the near post by the unmarked McClair. Thereafter, United, while not neglecting their defensive commitments, pounded away but could overcome neither their own hesitancy nor a Tottenham rearguard which relied so often on the off-side trap that Thorstvedt was rarely troubled.

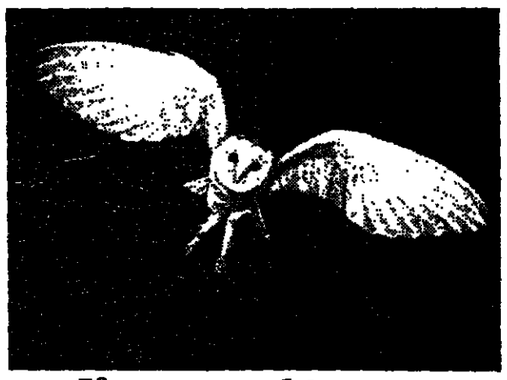
Tottenham, who still hover close to the relegation zone, will possibly argue that they deserved a share of the spoils, if only because Leighton, the United goalkeeper, brilliantly denied Howells in the 63rd minute and Stewart squandered two late chances.

But United deserved to win if only because they undertook the more mundane tasks with greater relish. Waddle will miss England's match against Greece on Wednesday after sustaining a groin strain and Leighton may miss Scotland's World Cup qualifying game in Cyprus because of the recurrence of a back injury.

MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; L Martin, L Sharpe (subs: P McGrath); B Bruce, C Blackmore, M Donaghy; B Robson, G Strachan (sub: R Beardsmore), B McClair, M Hughes, R Milne.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; G Butters, C Hughton, T Fenwick, G Bergsson (sub: M Thomas); G Mabbutt, D Howells (sub: P Walsh), P Gascoigne, C Waddle, P Stewart, P Allen.

Referee: G Tyson.



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SPORT IN BRIEF

Swiss skiers enjoy luck of the draw

Vail, Colorado – The exclusive party given here on Saturday evening to mark the 26th birthday of the Olympic downhill skiing champion, Pirmin Zurbriggen, was, given the good fortune the Swiss had enjoyed earlier in the day, a double cause for celebration (Iain Macleod writes).

The Arctic front which had been predicted all week finally arrived and postponed until today the men's downhill.

A combination of 16in of snow and poor visibility made racing impossible. Peter Muller, Daniel Mahrer and Zurbriggen, had been unfavourably drawn one, two and four, respectively. But the cancellation meant that a new draw would have to be conducted, improving Swiss prospects of a medal. The season's leading downhiller, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, had lost the opportunity of capitalizing on the most advantageous draw of all, number 15.

Overtime payment

Some voluntary overtime paid dividends for Martin Clark yesterday when he scored a 5-4 victory over Joe Johnson to reach the quarter-finals of the European Open snooker tournament at the Casino de Deauville.

Clark has been practising for more than five hours a day in his attempt to claima place in the top 32 in only his second season as a professional.

RESULTS: Fifth round: M Clark (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng) 5-4; J Parrott (Eng) bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-0; J Wych (Can) bt D Fowler (Eng), 5-4.

Mann power

Julia Mann, aged 17, defeated Gillian Gowers, the England international player, 4-11, 11-6, 11-4, to reach the quarter-finals of the Oracle UK English national badminton championships at Crawley. "There was no pressure on me and I went for everything and it worked," Mann said.



Joe Johnson: edged out

Rally double

Ian Beveridge won the Wyedean stages rally in Gloucestershire on Saturday for the second time.

RESULTS: 1, I Beveridge (MG Metro), 57min 56sec; 2, G Evans (Sierra Cosworth), 58:06; 3, S Paton (Escort) 58:37.

Rugby posts

The International Rugby Football Board will announce today two professional appointments: tournament director of the 1991 World Cup and development officer.

Olympic plan

Ben Johnson, out of the public eye since his fall from grace at the Seoul Olympics, fired the starting pistol for a cycle race at San Sebastian at the weekend and said later that he hoped to return for the 1992 Games in Barcelona.

Phoenix venue

Phoenix will be the venue for the US Grand Prix for the next five years, the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) has announced. The street circuit replaces Detroit, which failed to meet FISA's safety requirements.

Second win

Gary Dighton, aged 20, Britain's brightest newcomer in cycling time trials, rode to his second success of the year yesterday, winning the Kettering Friendly 21 miles. He finished almost two minutes clear of last year's runner-up, Simon Bray, in 47min 46sec. In 1988, Dighton, a Peterborough post office worker, was ninth.

Bookmakers plan meeting with Hurd

In a last-ditch effort to convince the Home Secretary that they are returning an equitable sum to racing through the Levy, bookmakers have secured a meeting with Douglas Hurd (Graham Rock writes).

However, an unprecedent condition has been imposed: the Home Setretary will meet the Bookmakers' Committee only if the Levy Board is represented. The meeting is scheduled for February 14.

There is optimism that the rate of levy for 1989-90 will be announced by the Home Secretary within four weeks of considering the views of the two opposing parties.

Submissions by the Bookmakers' Committee, the Jockey Club and the independent Government-appointed members of the Levy Board were presented to the Home Office before Christmas and responses to rival documents were made last month.

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